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Appeal for balance in public criticism

Duty comes first, Major tells MPs

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major issued a strong warning to Conservative MPs last night to put their parliamentary duties before any outside interests that they might hold.

In his sternest message to his own party since the cash-for-questions dispute began, the Prime Minister told MPs that while the Commons needed all trades and professions, it should not be a "hiring fair". While it must be right for MPs to have other interests, Parliament must not be — "as frankly it sometimes has been" — a way to other jobs, the Prime Minister said in his speech to the Lord Mayor's banquet at Guildhall.

With parliament reassembling tomorrow for the new session, Mr Major took head-on the accusations of sleaze levelled against the Government in recent weeks. He also gave a warning that while the image of business was improving, it could do more, and he called for responsibility in setting the pay of company executives. He said business, like public service, was held up to greater public scrutiny and British capitalism had to become capitalism with a conscience.

But Mr Major also delivered an appeal for a more balanced and responsible criticism of public figures and institutions. "We must ensure that we do not reach a situation where people are not prepared to serve the public good because the price of doing so is so high," he said. "The freedom to comment, to attack, to condemn, to expose public institutions and public figures is very great. In a free society such as ours, it is very important. But such power should only be used with responsibility."

He insisted that politicians devoted solely to politics would turn the Commons into a "Bore of the Year" show. "We need the best people to serve in our institutions ... I shrink from the notion of the wholly professional politician, whose expertise is honed only to the pursuit of power, preference and political ideology."

He went on: "We would not benefit from a monastic Commons, a chamber of high minds, a conventicle of saints, grateful that they are not like other men and women, 650 lives devoted to jumping ever and again over the hurdles and fences of standing and select committee and the chamber. That would not be a real Commons: it would be a sort of Bore of the Year show.

"We politicians are in this world and we must know how this world works. The solicitor, the accountant, the shopkeeper, the trade unionst certainly, the farmer, the stockbroker, the journalist comes equipped with that knowledge. Why on earth hang it up like the boots of a retired sportsman."

He continued: "Consistent with the priority of parliamentary duties, it must be right for MPs to have other interests, but Parliament should not be, as frankly it sometimes has been, a way to other jobs. The Commons is an assembly, a forum, above all a legislature. It needs all trades, it should not be a hiring fair."

The Prime Minister said that people needed to be reassured that public life was not self-serving. He made plain that the Nolan committee recently set up to look at standards in public life would not just meet immediate questions but would act as an "ethical workshop called in to do running repairs".

Mr Major called in aid Gladstone to back his assertion that standards are stricter than before. "Can you imagine the current coverage if the Prime Minister of the day disappeared for hours, toured Soho, and returned to Downing Street with a galaxy of ladies and held an impromptu prayer meeting in the front hall of No 10?" he asked. "In Gladstone's days, people knew nothing about such activities. They would now."

John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, said Mr Major's remarks were "depressingly complacent". "Mr Major seems to ignore his Government's unpopularity and refuses to address those things which make it so unpopular.

"He has nothing to say about any of those things which are creating the greatest anger and concern in Britain — his Government's massive tax increases, unemployment and job insecurity, the scandal of Tory appointments to quangos. From this speech it is all too clear that Mr Major and his Government are now totally out of touch," Mr Prescott said.

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Loyalists asked to join Ulster peace process

BY OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

BRITAIN intends to open exploratory talks with loyalist politicians before the end of the year, John Major announced last night, seeking to give fresh impetus to the Northern Ireland peace process.

As the fresh troubles in the Dublin government cast a shadow over the initiative, with Albert Reynolds's spokesman last night predicting an election, the Prime Minister made plain that preliminary discussions with Sinn Fein will also go ahead soon, in spite of the murder of a postal worker in Newry last week.

Mr Major used the disclosure that he plans to talk to the political representatives of gunmen on both sides to step up the demand for the weapons held by both republican and loyalist paramilitaries to be taken out of commission.

Exploratory talks with Sinn Fein were already scheduled after the Government last month adopted a "working assumption" that the IRA ceasefire was permanent. Now the Government has extended the same invitation to loyalists, a month after they also called a halt to sectarian violence. Invitations are to be sent to Gary McMichael, leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, and Hugh Smyth, leader of the Progressive Unionist Party and also Lord Mayor of Belfast, for preliminary talks.

Departing from tradition, Mr Major concentrated much of his speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet at Guildhall on domestic rather than foreign affairs. With Mr Reynolds preparing to announce measures in the hope of averting a split in Dublin's coalition, Mr Major said the opportunity for peace had begun to turn into reality. The purpose of the talks with Sinn Fein and the loyalists was to draw them into democratic politics and out of violence. But they must accept democratic practice. Illegal weapons and explosives must be taken out of commission, there must be an end to intimidation and punishment beatings, and racketeering and criminality must end.

Mr Major did not mention the difficulties facing Mr Reynolds, though there are fears in London that a change in the Irish government could slow the peace effort. Last night's announcement was meant to show that London will proceed at its own pace.

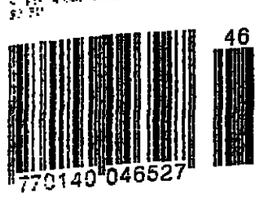
Mr Major said the Newry murder showed what risks still abounded. "Revulsion and anger at this murder reinforces the need to deal with the weapons held by both republicans and loyalist paramilitaries," he said.

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JULIAN HERBERT

The Princess arriving at the Red Cross reception last night. She is to be patron of its anniversary celebrations

Princess returns to public duties

BY ANJANA AHUJA

THE Princess of Wales marked her return to public life last night by attending a reception at Lancaster House as the new patron of the British Red Cross Society's 125th anniversary celebrations.

The reception, hosted by Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the overseas development minister, was held to launch the society's fund-raising campaign. The Princess's new post was approved by the Queen, who is president of the Red Cross.

Angela Rippon will be chairman of the 125 Society, which will encourage corporate and individual sponsors to donate at least £1,000 each to become a member.

The Red Cross blossomed from a letter in *The Times* written in 1870. Colonel Robert Loyd Lindsay was deeply moved by the loss of life and suffering borne by soldiers in the Crimean War, and was convinced that a neutral aid organisation could have helped to alleviate it.

He wrote in *The Times* of July 22 1870, at the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War, that England should "form a committee, we shall be in communication with those who will take care that the contributions we send out shall be of the right sort, and shall not be wasted."

He raised £40,000 from the public and distributed it equally to the warring sides, delivering it to their respective kings. *The Times* continued its participation in the early years, with letters of support from the Prince of Wales and Florence Nightingale. It also donated space for the society to acknowledge contributions.

Ministers reject pay rise for health workers

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JEREMY LAURANCE

A FIERCE confrontation loomed between the Government and health professionals last night as it emerged that ministers have told the pay review bodies that doctors and nurses should not get an automatic pay rise next year.

In a marked hardening of the Cabinet's stance on public sector pay, ministers have decided to try to force the bodies dealing with 600,000 health professionals to adopt a new system of local pay bargaining.

The method chosen, an effective recommendation that they should get a nil pay increase, will infuriate Labour and the health unions. It was put forward ten days ago by Gerald Malone, the health minister, in evidence to the bodies covering doctors and dentists, and nurses and midwives. He told them they should change the way pay levels were determined.

Ministers are undeterred by the outrage of nurses in September, when they released details of the Government's plans to reject national pay rises. However, the government is prepared to allow hospital trusts to assess pay across the entire staff rather than base pay rises on individual or team performances.

The British Medical Association said last night that local trusts would be faced with a stark choice between awarding a pay rise and cutting patient care. It added that locally determined pay would mean a "basic crude choice between patient care and a pay rise for staff".

A spokesman said: "If a trust has a surplus it will be able to fund an award — if not, it won't. If a trust hasn't got the money it will either have to cut services or make no award. Many trusts are likely to face those grisly alternatives."

Israel 'has 200 atomic weapons'

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ISRAEL has 200 nuclear weapons, according to a five-year accumulation of intelligence from French and Russian spy satellites.

However, the siting of key nuclear installations and weapons in the centre of the country appears to indicate that the Jewish state would use the ultimate weapon only in the last resort.

These are the conclusions of an exposé of Israel's highly secret nuclear weapons programme, published in *Jane's Intelligence Review*. Harold Hough, the America-based author of books and articles on military strategy and satellite surveillance, says that photographs have made it possible to follow the trail from the nuclear reactor to final product.

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Grobbelaar faces FA charge of disrepute

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

BRUCE Grobbelaar, the Southampton and former Liverpool goalkeeper accused of attempting to fix the results of Premier League matches, was charged by the Football Association last night with bringing the game into disrepute.

However, the FA declined to suspend Grobbelaar and Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton director of football, immediately reiterated the club's support for the player and said he was expected to play against Arsenal this Saturday.

Grobbelaar, who has 14 days to answer the charges before an FA disciplinary commission, heard the news in Zimbabwe where he played in an international against Zaire on Sunday.

The FA formally charged him not only with "conduct which is improper or which is liable to bring the game into disrepute" but also with "acceptance of consideration with a view to influencing the result of a match".

The FA, which has spent five days examining seven hours of videos and tapes provided by *The Sun*, emphasised that Grobbelaar was innocent until he had been proved guilty.

Grobbelaar last night demanded that he be shown the evidence against him held by the FA. He said he would refute all the allegations. In a statement from Harare he added that newspaper reports about his private life which alleged he had had affairs with two young women had placed "an enormous strain" on his marriage. David Hewitt, one of Grobbelaar's legal representatives, said: "Preparation of Mr Grobbelaar's case will commence immediately. The documents were requested immediately after they were passed to the FA by *The Sun*."

£7 million raised in first 12 hours of lottery fever

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE national lottery raised £7 million in the first 12 hours of ticket sales yesterday, as millions of people rushed to have a flutter in the country's biggest gambling event.

Hundreds of customers were turned away from stores up and down the country, however, after lottery terminals failed to work.

Worst hit was Scotland, where scores of outlets were left unconnected to the central lottery computer system. Chunks of The North and The Borders and many of the Scottish islands, including Orkney and Benbecula, were left without a link. Joan Mackenzie, who runs Alton & Finlay on the Isle of Skye, said she had been told by Camelot, the lottery operator, that her store may not have its link until Christmas. "I've had to turn away 30 to 40 customers."

Alan Twigg, Scotland spokesman for Camelot, said that the company was working flat out to connect more shops to its central computer. "Our target was to have 1,000 outlets up and running in Scotland on the first day, and we have achieved that."

Technical breakdowns also left retailers in clumps around Britain, including Liphook, Hants, and Luton, Bedfordshire, disconnected from the main computer. But the majority of Camelot's 10,000 terminals, including one in the tiny Cornwall village of St Columb Major, were switched on at 7 am without any problems.

John Major, who attended the 6.30 am launch party and firework display at the Tower of London, bought £5 worth of tickets at a branch of Ravals newsagents in London's Victoria, playing the numbers 29, 3, 43, 13, 11 and 10. The first three represented his birthdate and the others were special numbers, he said.

The Prime Minister said that if he won a prize he would donate it to Mencap, the mental health chairty. He added that the lottery would have a huge impact on society, funding good causes that public expenditure would never provide for. "This is in every sense a people's lottery. It is your lottery," he said.

David Rigg, Camelot's director of communications, said that it was impossible to predict the week's total takings. If sales reach Camelot's forecast of £14 million this week, the jackpot will be worth £2 million.

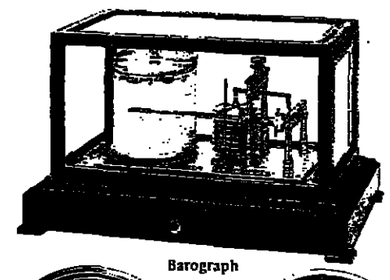
The first national lottery draw will be televised live on BBC1 on Saturday.

☐ The Salvation Army joined the Methodist Church in criticising the lottery as "a mug's game". "Those wishing to help would do better to donate their £1 direct," they said.

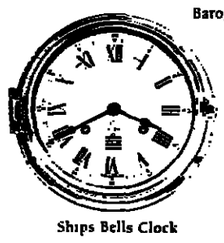
☐ The national lottery helpline is on 0645 100 000.

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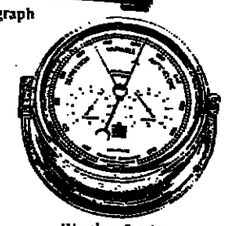
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Major expects too much of 'ethical workshop'

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

John Major has the right instincts in the "sleaze" debate. His view of what MPs should be allowed to do, as set out in his speech to the annual Lord Mayor's Banquet, is sensible. But Mr Major is cautious about taking action and is willing to shift responsibility to Lord Nolan's inquiry. He admitted last night the "need to reassure people that public life is not self-serving". His speech reflects the swing away from the idea of the wholly professional, career politician, "whose expertise is honed only to the pursuit of power, preference and political ideology" (as I documented in my book *Honest Opportunism, The Rise of the Career Politician*). He has only to look around the Cabinet table to see plenty of examples.

Mr Major does not believe in "a monastic Commons, a chamber of high minds, a conventicle of saints". With David Evans and Tony Banks to provide vulgar relief, there is little danger of that. As Mr Major argues, politicians must "know how the world works". There is a danger of swinging too far in the puritanical direction, of denigrating all MPs' motives and subjecting them to unreasonable scrutiny so that people are not prepared to come forward to serve. The editors of the tabloids, please note.

Mr Major argues that "consistent with the priority of Parliamentary duties, it must be right for MPs to have other interests, but Parliament should not be, as it sometimes has been, a way to other jobs. The Commons is an assembly, a forum, above all, a legislature. It needs all trades, but it should not be a hiring fair."

But how do you draw the line? Several Tory MPs, to whom I have spoken recently, agree that the rules need to be tightened. But they are unsure how to produce enforceable new guidelines. MPs could be barred from performing essentially parliamentary functions, such as tabling questions or arranging meetings with ministers, for which they receive extra money as part of a consultancy. The local government rule that prevents members speaking or voting on issues where they have a financial interest could apply. But would that bar MPs from having links as advisers not just to commercial bodies but also to pressure groups or charities?

The Nolan committee can obviously help. But its creation is an admission of the limits of parliamentary self-regulation. The privileges and members' interests committees of the Commons will still deal with specific allegations of abuse. In the past, changes in rules affecting MPs have been proposed by such committees. But Mr Major is now looking outside, to Nolan, to suggest new rules. It will be hard for Parliament to ignore the committee's advice.

Mr Major envisages the committee as a permanent check and balance on the behaviour of public officials. Yet he is expecting it to do too much, as shown by his comment about the inquiry acting as "a running authority of reference, almost an ethical workshop called in to do running repairs". The Nolan committee cannot be a substitute for Government action. At the root of the argument is public unease about one party being in office for so long. If after its report next spring, Mr Major came forward with his own tough proposals — not just on MPs' interests but also on appointments to public bodies — he could provide the reassurance he recognises is necessary and regain the initiative for the Government.

PETER RIDDELL

Court frees family of bomb-plot IRA man

Three relatives of an IRA terrorist accused of witholding information on him were freed by the Old Bailey yesterday after the prosecution dropped the charges. Sean McNulty was jailed for 25 years in August for plotting to bomb oil and gas terminals. His mother, brother and uncle were released after the court was told that after 16 months there was no longer a realistic chance of conviction against two of the three.

McNulty's mother, Dorothy, 46, a nurse; his sister, Annette Walker, 27; and his uncle Niall McNulty, 44, a tunneller, all from North Shields, had all denied withholding information in connection with acts of terrorism. Annette Walker had also denied possession of explosives and this charge was also dropped. McNulty's father, Barnard, was also charged with witholding information, but has since died from a heart condition. This charge was also dropped.

Store stabbing charge

A teenager appeared in court yesterday accused of murdering Duncan Clarke, 34, who was stabbed during a confrontation with a suspected shoplifter in Cardiff city centre. Karl Hughes, 19, unemployed, from Penrhys, Mid Glamorgan, was remanded in custody for a week by Cardiff magistrates. Mr Clarke died in hospital hours after the stabbing in a Littlewoods store last Thursday.

Drink-driver's 500 miles

A woman driver who had been drinking rum in Scotland was five times over the drink-drive limit when she was tested after hitting a bollard in Plymouth, 500 miles away. Joanne Brady, 36, who had driven from her father's home near Glasgow to catch a ferry to Spain, where she lives at Marbella, admitted before Plymouth magistrates to driving with excess alcohol. Bail was refused and she was remanded in custody for reports.

Sex attacker's parole win

Michael Fox, 31, a former psychiatric nurse serving nine concurrent life sentences for sex attacks on mentally handicapped women, won a reduction yesterday on appeal, from 12 to 10 years as the minimum time he must serve before becoming eligible for parole. Fox, a father of three, of Charminster, Dorset, was sentenced in February this year for a string of sex attacks from 1988 to 1991.

Convictions upheld

Dwight Harris, 33, a Rastafarian, and his wife Beverley, 35, who refused treatment for their daughter, who died in a diabetic coma, lost their appeal against conviction for manslaughter. The Appeal Court also upheld Harris's 2½-year prison sentence and his wife's 18-month suspended sentence. Harris deliberately ignored doctors and his daughter Nahkira, 9, died as a result, Lord Justice Kennedy said.

Overdose doctor guilty

A doctor who gave a nine-year-old boy a huge overdose of drugs, including heroin, for a circumcision operation — after which the child died — was found guilty of serious professional misconduct yesterday. The General Medical Council ordered Dr Mahbubul Alam, of Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, to be suspended from the medical register for eight months.

Pet dog mauls baby

A baby boy is recovering from head and face wounds after being mauled by his family's dog, described as a crossbred Canadian timber wolf. Jaye Coxhead, aged 22 months, received 14 stitches. Lynn Coxhead, 34, of Pentraeth, Gwynedd, said the dog was trying to catch a chocolate thrown by another child when her son got in its way. Police have returned the dog to the family pending a decision on its future.

Bike shop traps thieves

Police posing as bicycle dealers have recovered 238 cycles worth £35,000 and made 49 arrests, York police said yesterday. The detectives, who opened a shop in June offering cash for bicycles, recorded customers on video and audio tape. Operation Biker was launched after 2,144 thefts of bikes last year in York. Three juveniles have been remanded on bail to a youth court. Others will appear in court later.

Upheaval will not affect the peace process, says Mayhew

Irish election looms as coalition flounders

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND PHILIP WEBSTER

PROSPECTS of a general election in Ireland moved closer last night as Albert Reynolds prepared to unveil a package of measures in a last-ditch attempt to save his Government from collapse after Labour, his junior coalition partner, threatened to withdraw over a senior legal appointment.

The Taoiseach will propose today a new high-level ministerial commission to vet controversial issues and appointments before they reach the Cabinet. However, senior sources in Fianna Fail said last night that they saw little chance of satisfying Dick Spring, the Labour leader and Deputy Prime Minister, in today's debate.

A spokesman for Mr Reynolds said: "The consensus view among the ministers, after meeting today, is that a general election now seems likely."

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, appealed to the two parties to continue to work towards a settlement. "I appeal to the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste [Mr Spring] to resolve their political differences as speedily as possible to avoid disrupting the peace process."

John Major was also watching developments anxiously. A key factor in peace process has been the close working relationship between Mr Major and Albert Reynolds, not least because they understand the countervailing pressures on each other. However, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said that a change of government would not affect the peace process.

Mr Spring was given a mandate by his Parliamentary party on Sunday to decide whether to withdraw from Government if he was dissatisfied with the Taoiseach's performance. Labour ministers walked out of Friday's Cabinet meeting after Mr Reynolds overrode their objections and nominated Harry Whelehan, the Attorney General, as President of the High Court. Mr Spring is strongly opposed to Mr Whelehan because he is regarded as too conservative on social issues and because his department delayed dealing with an extradition warrant from the RUC for a priest, Brendan Smyth, who had committed paedophile offences.

Bertie Ahern, the Fianna Fail Finance Minister, said yesterday that Mr Reynolds's "peace package" would aim to resolve issues before they reach Cabinet. He said that the Father Smyth paedophile case had been "horrendous", but defended Mr Whelehan's handling of the case when he was Attorney General.

In an attempt to pacify the Labour party, however, Mr Ahern said: "There are major flaws in the way the system within the Attorney General's office works."

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Father Brendan Smyth and Harry Whelehan, former Attorney General

Row over extradition of priest lies behind split

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A ROMAN Catholic priest who is serving a four-year prison sentence in Northern Ireland for paedophile offences could unwittingly be responsible for the collapse of the Irish government.

Dick Spring, the Deputy Prime Minister and Labour leader, has threatened to withdraw from the coalition government because there was a seven-month delay in dealing with extradition warrants from the RUC for the priest, Father Brendan Smyth.

Labour ministers are unhappy with the explanation given by Harry Whelehan, who was promoted last Friday from his post as Attorney-General to President of the High Court. Mr Spring walked out of the Cabinet on Friday when Mr Reynolds, the Prime Minister and leader of Fianna Fail, overrode his objections and appointed Mr Whelehan to the High Court.

At a press conference on Sunday Mr Spring said that the delay had left a child abuser at large. Mr Spring, who will decide whether to remain in government after Mr Reynolds defends his handling of the Whelehan appointment in the Dail today, said: "Government owes no higher duty to its people than to protect their children . . . We must, and will do that duty. Will others?"

Labour ministers were furious after Mr Whelehan claimed in his defence that Fr Smyth was unlikely to reoffend.

Fr Smyth, a Norbertine Order priest, returned voluntarily to Northern Ireland where he was convicted last June of sexual offences against young children. He is serving his sentence at Magilligan jail in Co Londonderry. There are also claims that he assaulted children in the Irish Republic while he served as chaplain at the Tralee General Hospital.

Tory MPs hail end of injury payments

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

TORY rightwingers welcomed signs yesterday that the Government might scrap the national compensation scheme for people injured at work.

Trade unions and Opposition parties said the move, which would be announced in this month's Budget if it goes ahead, would cause hardship. They accused John Major of trying to appease the right.

As the Prime Minister met his business managers to consider how to handle the expected rebellion over payments to the European Union, right-wing MPs backed the idea of abolishing the Industrial Injuries Scheme. They saw it as the sort of radical measure needed to show that the Government was not running out of steam. The scheme currently costs £600 million and is one of the last remaining universal welfare provisions.

Labour believes the Cabinet Right is determined to continue shifting responsibility for social provision from the State to companies and workers. Keith Bradley, a Labour social security spokesman, said: "The Health and Safety at Work Act will be undermined and the absolute assurance that people will be insured against accidents at work will become extremely doubtful.

"People injured at work may find they are not employable, that whatever scheme is put in place does not cover their injury, or that the amount of compensation is so low they will find themselves in severe hardship."

John Monks, TUC general secretary, said: "This scheme has been paid for by employees and employers through National Insurance. The only alternative would be to fight things out in the courts. It would cost millions of pounds and it would worsen relationships in the workplace."

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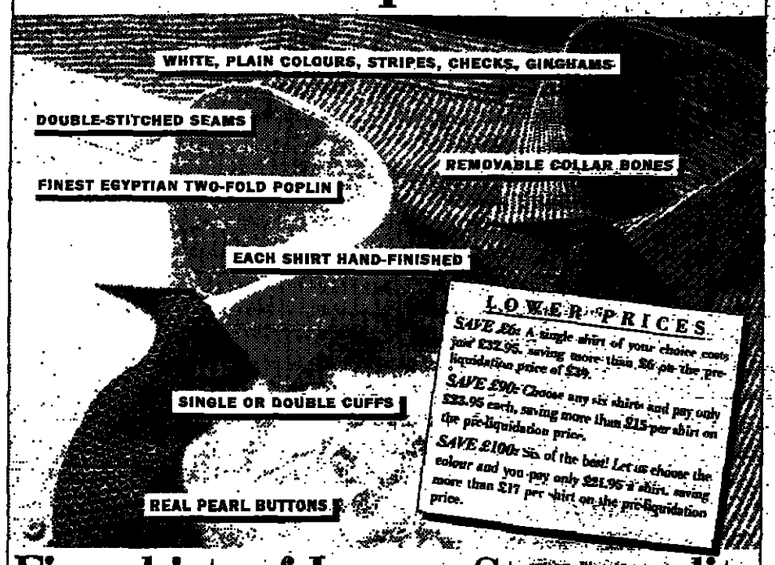
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Animal that killed will be denied human contact for 'letting his species down'

Dead keeper said tiger should not be put down if it ever attacked him

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE tiger that killed its keeper will be allowed to live because of a pact between its victim and the millionaire zoo keeper John Aspinall. When Trevor Smith began going alone into enclosures containing big cats, the 31-year-old former postman agreed that if he should misjudge a situation and die, the animal should be spared.

Mr Aspinall said yesterday that Balkash, the 500lb Siberian male tiger, would be punished for "letting his species down" by being denied further visits inside its enclosure by humans. He added that he was urgently reviewing his pioneering philosophy of allowing keepers into the enclosures of dangerous animals to break the "man-made gap" between humans and other creatures. Such contact has been suspended but the keepers at Howletts Wild Animal Park near Canterbury, Kent, said that they would consider resigning if the ban were made permanent.

The park, where two keepers were killed by the same tigress in 1980, is unlikely to be closed. Officials of Canterbury City Council, who began an inspection yesterday, said the zoo's five-year licence, due for renewal next year, dealt mainly with animal welfare and the size of cages rather than the safety of staff. But the council will consider using its health and safety powers to prosecute the zoo for failing to protect an employee, resulting in a potential jail sentence and unlimited fines.

Balkash, which has never killed before, was probably playing with Mr Smith and misjudged the man's strength, Mr Aspinall said. "I don't think he knew he was killing. It's like a child smashing a toy and then you say 'You mustn't smash that toy because it won't work any more'. Tigers have a respect for us. They see us all as honorary tigers. They see us all as having the same strength. Sometimes they find out that we are nothing in one bite."

He appeared deeply shocked that his lifetime's work of building bonds of trust and affection between man and the higher mammals appeared to be in ruins. He had explained away the deaths 14 years ago because the tigress had been poorly treated by humans in Canada and hated people.



Aspinall: defended his tiger breeding record

Balkash and its partner Zamsan had been brought up since cubs by Mr Smith and his senior keeper Nick Marx, 43, so no such excuse was available. "This is an animal born here and has only known love and affection. We never thought for a moment that he would ever do anything unpleasant. He always appeared to be a very good boy, very reliable and friendly and dependable," he said.

He refused to close Howletts, which opened in the 1950s, and its sister park, Port Lympne, also in Kent, which specialise in breeding endangered species to be returned to the wild.

The Siberian tiger, the world's biggest cat, which usually preys on wild boar, has been reduced to fewer than 70 in the wild, but around 1,000 in captivity.

"We have the best tiger breeders in the world," Mr Aspinall said. "We have bred more tigers than anybody else in the world. We do give a very large space to species other than humans. There are a million humans in the world for every tiger. There is no other wildlife park in Britain or zoo that has tried to bridge the man-made gap between ourselves and other high mammals.

"I have played 5,000 times with tigers in my life. I have had five male tigers on top of me. Nobody has ever done this before. We don't circus-train any animals.

"It's not a fear-reward relationship whereby they get punished if they don't do what we want them to do. This is a mutual transfer of trust and affection."

Mr Aspinall continued: "I have spoken to Mrs Smith's widow, Debbie. She was in tears. I have spoken to the parents as well. They haven't blamed the establishment. She knew her husband and they knew their son. And I'm sure they would confirm that he lived for his work here."

He said Mr Smith had always wanted to work with tigers even though he knew the dangers. "Like firemen or policemen in dangerous parts and no-go areas, they know the risks. They want to be a fireman or a policeman. He wanted to be a tiger keeper. That was his greatest ambition."

He added: "It works in most cases but we have pioneered this work. Nobody else has ever tried it. Two hundred and ninety-eight people have been killed climbing the Matterhorn. It is a purely voluntary adoption of risk by a keeper. Men are funny. They like to have that challenge."

Receptionists at the wildlife park spent yesterday reassuring telephone callers worried that Balkash was to be destroyed. Mr Marx, who tried to rescue Mr Smith armed only with a spade, said yesterday he was no hero and had only been doing his job. Two visitors to the park on Sunday afternoon saw the tiger put its paws on Mr Smith's back after he had patted it while cleaning the grassy enclosure.

The keeper could bear the animal's weight only for a few moments and went down. At this point, a man underneath a tiger should talk to it to offer reassurance. If the man struggles, the tiger can attack. Mr Marx speculated that Mr Smith possibly made the fatal mistake of struggling.

The surviving keeper said he heard Mr Smith shout and ran to his aid. He entered the enclosure to find Balkash lying on Mr Smith and Zamsan standing beside. Mr Marx warded them off, then felt Mr Smith's pulse but it seemed dead.

He then chased the animals to another enclosure, cursing in anger, to allow emergency services inside. Mr Marx later broke the news of Mr Smith's death to his wife.

Mr Marx said he doubted whether he would want to continue as a keeper if he was banned from entering the enclosures. He said he had spoken to Balkash through the 15ft-high wire mesh fence yesterday. "There's no animosity towards me with what I have done to him," he said. "He talks to me. He is pleased to see me. There's no grudges."



MALCOLM CANDERTON

Keepers at Howletts have said they would resign if banned from entering the enclosures of Siberian tigers

Retired officer sues over sex ring stories

A LIBEL jury was asked yesterday to award "massive" compensation to a retired senior police officer over allegations that he sexually abused boys at a children's home and was involved in lending them out to convicted paedophiles.

Former Superintendent Gordon Anglesea's dreams of a happy retirement were "shattered by the filthiest lies imaginable", his counsel, Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, told the High Court. Press articles and a television programme about child abuse in North Wales during the late 1970s and early 1980s accused him of buggering small boys, sexually assaulting them and, as a senior serving officer, abusing his power in that rank.

The accusations were like a "dagger in the heart" — a poison that "polluted and ruined" the lives of Mr Anglesea and his family. Jurors were shown a photograph of Mr Anglesea with his daughter Elizabeth — the "apple of his eye" — who died of a heart defect before her fifth birthday. "This is the man they say is a pervert," Lord Williams said.

Mr Anglesea, 57, of Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, is claiming damages against *Independent on Sunday*, *The Observer* and *Private Eye*, all represented by George Carman, QC, and against HTV, represented by John Mathew, QC. They all deny libel and claim that Mr Anglesea was guilty of abuse.

Lord Williams told Mr Justice Drake and the jury of eight men and four women that Mr Anglesea served 34 years with the police in North Wales before retiring in April 1991. "He was not driven from the force by allegations of buggering small boys. This is a fact that will not go away," Lord Williams said.

Mr Anglesea was in charge of a Home Office attendance centre at Wrexham for boys between 10 and 17 who were "going the wrong way". He made occasional visits to Bryn Estyn children's home in Wrexham to caution boys who had ended up at the centre.

"He did not go there to assault boys," Lord Williams said. "He has a normal, strong, healthy sex drive which he expressed and was fulfilled in his marriage." When he saw his name in the *Independent on Sunday* in December 1991, he was appalled. His wife read the report and ran crying from the house. Mr Anglesea told his Rotary club, church and fellow Freemasons that the story was not true.

Lord Williams said three articles in *The Observer* in September 1992 referred to a retired police chief being a prime suspect in the child abuse scandal. It quoted one of the victims as saying the officer and another suspect had protected themselves through the "police masonic network".

At the same time, HTV broadcast a *Wales This Week* programme naming Mr Anglesea as a child abuser. It stood by its story, even though a police inquiry had resulted in a decision by the Crown Prosecution Service not to bring charges against him and other officers.

Lord Williams asked the jury to award Mr Anglesea "massive" compensation for damage to his reputation, which had been "blown out of the water". "Until you find otherwise he is the scum of the earth," Lord Williams told the jury."

The hearing is expected to last several weeks.

McAlpine pool broke planning law, judge rules

BY JOHN YOUNG

DAVID McAlpine, younger brother of the former Conservative treasurer Lord McAlpine of West Green, lost a High Court challenge yesterday to stop his swimming pool and tennis court being removed from the grounds of his Oxfordshire home.

Mr McAlpine, a director of the family construction firm, was ordered to remove the pool and tennis court from Fawley House, near Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

In the High Court Judge Macleod, QC, dismissed Mr McAlpine's appeal against an enforcement order issued in October 1992. Mr McAlpine was ordered to pay costs and refused leave to go to the Court of Appeal.

The court was told that he had claimed that the pool and tennis court were within the "curtilage" of his home, which is grade II listed, and consequently did not need planning permission. They were built on an open grassed area beyond a formal garden at the rear of the house.

The land had been used by the owners for recreation as part of the garden. But an Environment Department inspector found that the site did not lie within the curtilage of the house.

The judge said he could find no flaw in the inspector's decision, adding that the word "curtilage " was not open to "easy and precise" definition. The inspector's decision was within the guidelines established by case law, and Mr McAlpine's criticisms were over-analytical, the judge said.

Norman Hudson, of the Historic Houses Association, said last night that the definition of curtilage was a long-running issue. English Heritage had argued for a clearer definition, but at present the definition depended largely on case law.

A general development order granted to a local authority under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 was assumed to permit developments, such as swimming pools, which were incidental to the ownership and enjoyment of an owner's property. But under the same Act the authority could issue an Article 4 directive cancelling any such assumption.

Mr McAlpine, the youngest son of the late Lord McAlpine of Moffat, did not attend yesterday's hearing.

Monks dispute earthly effect of a wee Buckie

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Benedictine monks of Buckfast Abbey in Devon hit back yesterday at claims that their 70-year-old recipe for Buckfast Tonic Wine was leading to teenage alcoholism in Central, Scotland.

The monks said after a meeting with Helen Liddell, MP for Monklands East, who has been campaigning to reduce sales of the wine in Lanarkshire, where it is the favourite tipple of disaffected local youth, that she knew little about their product.

Ms Liddell had asked them to raise the price of their wine and to give part of the profits from the monastery's successful business to help youngsters fighting alcohol abuse in Lanarkshire. She has threatened to take her campaign to the Pope if the monks do not "take a more responsible attitude towards" sales of the fortified wine.

Ms Liddell says 80 per cent of sales made by the abbey, which has turnover of £10 million a year, are in Lanarkshire, where children as young as 12 can be seen taking the extra-strength drink. A statement put out by the monastery on behalf of the abbot, the Right Rev David Charlesworth, said Buckfast was simply "a drop in the ocean" compared with the alcohol consumed in Scotland and that even if it was withdrawn from the market its drinkers would find something else to drink. The monks believe Buckfast has been unfairly blamed because of its background, that their attitude is responsible and that the drink is not advertised.

The wine is marketed as a "tonic" wine but the yellow label, which depicts the 19th-century monastery, carries a disclaimer stating: "The name 'Tonic Wine' does not imply health giving or medicinal properties."

The wine is imported from another abbey in France and is fortified with honey and other ingredients by the monks. Legend has it that the recipe, used since the 1920s, is known by only the abbot and one other monk. Buckfast is sold in screw-top 75cl glass bottles for £4 to £6 in central Scotland. The alcohol content is 15 per cent and the wine tastes sweet, heavy and sherry-like. The image of a typical Buckfast customer could not be farther away from that of the monks in their pastoral, monastic setting. Down-and-outs and deliquents in Central drink "Buckie" because it gives them a kick, especially when drunk on top of several cans of strong lager.

In Airdrie and Coatbridge the wine is also known as "the bottle of 30 days". According to one local, the teenagers "drink a bottle of Buckie, smash a video shop window, get nicked and do 30 days in Barlinnie".

Ms Liddell said after her meeting: "We had a very frank discussion. We agreed on some aspects and disagreed on others."

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A monastic bottle of Buckfast Tonic Wine

Hospital 'error' left patient with total paralysis

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A HOSPITAL mistake left a man's mind locked inside his immobile body, the High Court was told yesterday.

Cyril Joyce, from Cheam, Surrey, is one of about six people in this country known to be suffering from "Locked-In Syndrome", his counsel, Robin De Wilde, QC, said. Mr Joyce, 56, a former butcher, has total mental awareness but cannot speak or move and can only communicate through his eye movements.

He can use a machine operated by eyelid flicker and has even written poetry. Mr De Wilde said. He communicates with his wife by signalling letters of the alphabet. He has been living at the Putney Royal Hospital and Home, southwest London for six years and now wants to go home, Mr De Wilde said.

The court was told that in March 1987 Mr Joyce had gone into St George's Hospital, Tooting, for an investigation into his heart disease. Mr De Wilde said a "relatively junior and inexperienced" registrar had performed a brachial catheterisation.

This involved placing placinga catheter into an artery in Mr Joyce's right forearm so that a contrast medium could be pumped into his bloodstream. Mr De Wilde alleged that the doctor had negligently sutured the wound so that the blood flow through the brachial artery was cut off.

The operation carried known risks but, Mr De Wilde said, it should not have happened. "It should have been avoided by skill and care."

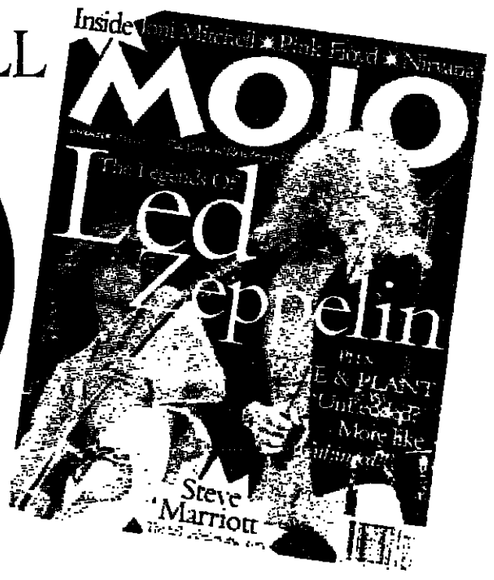
After the operation, Mr Joyce's right hand was cold and pale and his pulse was weak, but he was sent home the same day. "He was discharged from the hospital too soon, without proper care or investigation," Mr De Wilde said, adding that Mr Joyce had not been told to return immediately to hospital if he experienced discomfort.

With Mr Joyce in acute pain, his wife had telephoned the GP who said he should "carry on taking the tablets". Despite several further operations, the blood flow to his brain was interrupted. Since June 1987 he had been a victim of Locked-In Syndrome. Mr De Wilde said. Mr Joyce is claiming damages from Wandsworth Health Authority, who deny blame. The hearing continues.

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Minister denies aid link to arms

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ALLEGATIONS of an arms-for-aid deal with Indonesia were denied yesterday by Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, minister for overseas aid. Her comments followed confirmation that the Government is helping to finance a power station and road in Indonesia with concessionary loans.

Britain is also in the running for potentially huge defence contracts involving the sale of trainer aircraft, missiles and light tanks which could be worth £2-£6 billion.

In a statement, Lady Chalker said there was a strong economic and social case for a substantial aid programme to Indonesia. "Our programme is targeted on human resource development, the environment, good government and transportation," she said.

"I can specifically confirm that at no stage has there been any linkage between any element in our aid programme to Indonesia and the sale of arms," Lady Chalker said.

However, George Foulkes, Labour's overseas development spokesman, is demanding that the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee reopen its inquiry into the Malaysian Pergau dam affair and extend its scope.

Yesterday it emerged that Britain is planning a military tour of Far Eastern countries next year to promote sales of naval equipment.

Tale of sex videos, arms deals and royal liaisons fails to impress judge

Lover cleared of blackmail plot threatens to sue

BY CATHERINE MILTON AND MICHAEL EVANS

AN IRANIAN millionairess who accused her former lover of blackmail may be sued by him after his acquittal at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The woman, referred to only as Mrs S throughout the trial, had accused Abdulmajeed Bembehani, a property developer, of blackmailing her for £2 million in return for not publicising a number of video tapes he had made of their sex sessions together. The trial was also told of plots to sell fighter planes to Iraq and allegations of a secret love contract with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

The trial collapsed yesterday after Judge Grigson directed the jury to find Mr Bembehani not guilty. The judge said that the idea to demand money for the tapes came not from Mr Bembehani but from a friend of Mrs S.

Mr Bembehani, 61, might have been guilty "under Section One of the Dirty Dogs Act" for threatening to show the sex tapes to other people, but he was not guilty of blackmailing her, the judge said. It was "simply not fair" that someone should be charged with a crime by people who incited him to commit it, and there was no public interest in pursuing the case.

Mr Bembehani, who claimed he took the videos of himself and Mrs S making love "for fun", said: "I am a very rich businessman, I have been in custody for four months, I have suffered a lot. It has cost me a lot of money, £5 million, £6 million, plus £500,000 in legal fees. I am going to sue Mrs S for what I have lost."

Asked how he felt about his former lover, he said: "I feel sorry for her. She played tricks and now she has put herself in the trap. I was very disappointed when she made these allegations."

As she left court, Mrs S, who lives in London, said: "I was a victim. I just put myself in the hands of justice and I still remain a victim. Where is the justice for me?"

During the trial, Mrs S had been obliged under questioning to reveal parts of her life that hinted of a secret world in which she is supposed to have acted as an intermediary in a covert sale of F15 fighter aircraft from Chile to Iraq. She admitted in court that she had faced two previous blackmail attempts by other people. While she was making allegations that Mr Bembehani was blackmailing her, a trusted retainer was threatening to publish a book detailing her alleged involvement with King Fahd unless she paid him £2 million.

She pleaded with the judge not to make her disclose the nature of her relationship with the King. She said: "My Lord, I got into a contract. I can't talk about my private life. Please, I have asked defence council before. I can't breach my contract."

Her alleged involvement in arms deals, also apparently detailed in the book, added a strange twist to the trial. Mrs S said she thought the F15 deal involved agricultural equipment. The reference in court was met with bewilderment in the arms business. Neither Chile nor Iraq has American-built F15s and security sources said they were unaware of any woman playing a leading role in international arms deals. "They all tend to be men," one source said.

During the trial, Mrs S accused her ex-lover of threatening to send the video tapes to King Fahd, to her ex-husband and to others, unless she paid him £2 million. Their paths had crossed in the early 1980s when she was living in Spain and attempting to buy a block of flats in France in which Mr Bembehani had a penthouse. The relationship developed into a close business partnership.

On business trips to the Middle East and elsewhere he liked to register them as man and wife at the hotels where they stayed. They discussed marriage and a life together in Dubai.

Mrs S, however, regarded marriage as unnecessary. She called it a joke and said she had no need to sign a piece of paper.

Mrs S rejected a claim by defence counsel that she had made up a fantasy lover, Shaikh Muhammad, to make Mr Bembehani jealous and that she had supported the fantasy with a photograph made to appear as if it had been cut from a magazine in Dubai.

She also denied telling Mr Bembehani that the shaikh had offered £1 million to have sex with her. She said: "Do you think any fool would give £1 million pounds to go to bed with me?"

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Abdulmajeed Bembehani embracing a friend after his acquittal yesterday. The judge said he might have been a "dirty dog", but was not a blackmailer

Taxman hits bank managers' car perk

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 5,000 bank managers are being sent tax bills averaging £600 to pay for the benefit of having at least two new company cars a year. The managers work for the National Westminster, which signed a widely publicised agreement with Ford for the supply of about 7,000 new cars. The bank is understood to be buying the cars, which cost the general public between £9,000 and £19,000, at a discount of 30 per cent. But the new Escorts and Mondeos are kept only a few weeks by the managers before they are sold at a profit as low-mileage, second-hand cars.

Alan Ainsworth, chief negotiator for the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, said yesterday: "Although the managers obviously want a company car, they do not want to change them all the time. We uncovered a tax penalty which cannot be fair when it is imposed on people who have no choice in their company car arrangements."

Because the bank reclaims cars for sale after between six and 12 weeks, managers have no time to run up business mileage that would take them over the Government's lowest tax threshold of 2,500 miles and so count as "perk users" by the Revenue.

A NatWest spokesman declined to comment.

Bomb threat to animal ferry firm

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A FERRY company has postponed plans to export British livestock after receiving a bomb threat presumed to have come from animal rights activists. Ferrylink Freight Services had intended to start an immediate daily service carrying livestock on one of its two roll-on, roll-off vessels from Sheerness in Kent to the Dutch port of Vlissingen.

Bill Moses, the company's managing director, said yesterday: "Demand for this trade is strong, but due to other considerations we are not currently taking any bookings for the 12 slots allocated to livestock vehicles on the morning sailing out of Sheerness. However, we will continue to review the situation."

The service would have been the first regular substitute for the cross-Channel routes closed to livestock exports by the refusal of the main ferry operators to carry animals for slaughter or fattening abroad. Farmers are particularly keen to restart the trade in calves, which, unlike lambs, cannot be exported as carcasses. The *Ferrylink Schelde* made a trial run on November 9 with a Ministry of Agriculture veterinary surgeon on board but was forced to wait for six and a half hours outside Vlissingen harbour because of doubts about the vessel's security.

A caller rang the company after the boat set sail claiming that a bomb was on board. A search by the crew found nothing but the Dutch port authorities insisted on satisfying themselves that the vessel was safe before allowing it into harbour. Kent Police said: "There was little we could do to trace the caller but we are satisfied that the port authorities are capable of preventing devices being smuggled aboard."

Appeal by suspended lawyer

BY FRANCES GIBB

THE senior crown prosecutor suspended two weeks ago after he wrote an article in *The Times* has written to Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney General, and the head of the Civil Service asking them to institute disciplinary proceedings or reinstate him.

Neil Addison, a senior lawyer with the Crown Prosecution Service, said: "I think I have a right to be told exactly what I am accused of and what is being done about it." In the letters to Sir Nicholas and Sir Robin Butler, he points out that since his suspension he has heard nothing of his fate.

Mr Addison, 41, a member of the Bar Council, was suspended after he refused to withdraw the article. Yesterday a spokesman from the CPS said that Mr Addison "would get a decision as quickly as we have all the information."

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Historical design confuses Stephenson's Rocket with Stockton's famous locomotive

Railway tribute in lights makes wrong connection

BY PAUL WILKINSON AND LUCY BERRINGTON

STOCKTON has tarnished its place in history as birthplace of the railways by getting its points crossed over the design of a group of commemorative lampposts, it was claimed yesterday.

The four new lampposts in the Cleveland town were supposed to depict Locomotion No 1, the engine that pulled the world's first steam-powered public passenger service to Darlington in 1825. But the design shows the Rocket, a steam engine that ran on the Liverpool-Manchester line four years later and has no connection with Stockton.

According to Stephen Smailes, a former Mayor of Stockton, anyone with even a basic knowledge of railway history would see from the *prominent diagonal* side piston that the engine on the lampstand was the Rocket. "It stands out like a sore thumb," he said. "Whoever designed this doesn't know their history." In contrast, Locomotion No 1 had a more complicated square set of pistons on top of the engine.

"We are talking about Stockton's place in world history," Mr Smailes said. Our logo is 'Birthplace of the railways' yet here in the centre of the town we've got it wrong. *Little things like this stick in* the minds of visitors. It's a real boob."

The lampstands, part of a £2.1 million refurbishment of Stockton, were installed in front of the town hall, where in 1810 the idea of a passenger railway was first mooted. They were commissioned by Chris Oldershaw, the head of City Challenge, an agency of the Environment Department.

Mr Oldershaw acknowledged the error, saying: "It's unfortunate and we did look at the possibility of replacing it, however at the moment we have decided to stick with the design as it is.

"The artist worked with local schoolchildren and this was their idea. We decided to stick with it rather than interfere with the integrity of their designs."

Bob Harbron, a local historian, said: "Everyone agrees it is a beautiful piece of work, but it is definitely the Rocket."

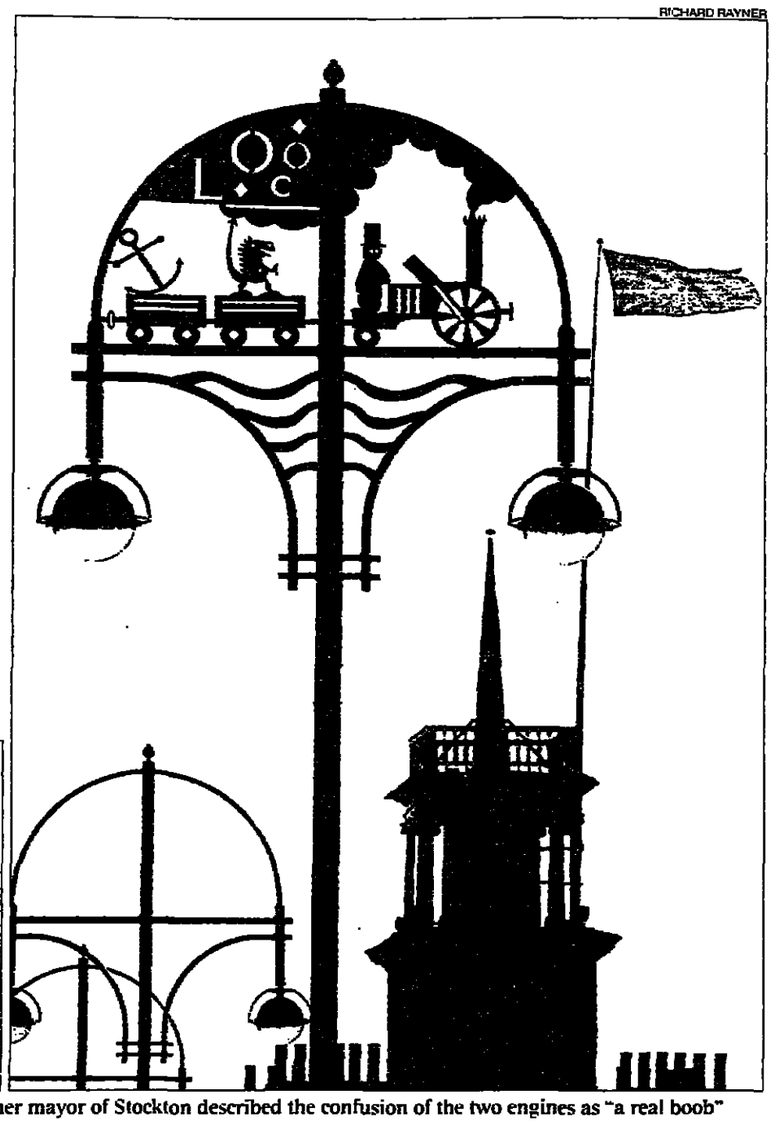
The Rocket was George Stephenson's prototype for the modern steam locomotive. It moved at 36 miles per hour, and in 1829 won a competition for the best locomotive.

The Stockton and Darlington railway, which was built and equipped by Stephenson, opened in 1825. It was the first public railway in the world that used locomotive traction, and the first to carry both freight and passengers.

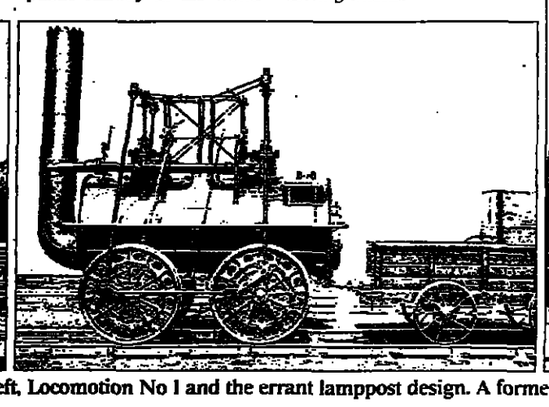
Over the next five years Stephenson designed the Liverpool and Manchester railway, which in 1830 launched the railway era proper. The proprietors held a contest to discover which was the best type of locomotive and Stephenson's Rocket beat Sans Pareil, built by Timothy Hackworth, and the Novelty, built by John Braithwaite and John Ericsson.

The success of the Rocket was attributed largely to its multiple-fire-tube boiler, which was designed by Marc Séguin and which replaced the single-flue version. It had diagonal cylinders, marking the transition between vertical and horizontal, and its pistons connected to a single pair of driving wheels.

RICHARD RAYNER







A modern replica of George Stephenson's Rocket, left, Locomotion No 1 and the errant lamppost design. A former mayor of Stockton described the confusion of the two engines as "a real boob"

Flying visit spreads dispute over celibacy in sex education

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of American experts is being flown to Britain today to spearhead a campaign against sex education lessons that promote teenage celibacy. The Family Planning Association and the Sex Education Forum are sponsoring the visit to highlight concern about the advance of abstinence-based sex education championed by religious groups in the United States.

The move follows the growing popularity of sex education lessons in American schools that trumpet the virtues of abstinence and urge young people to remain virgins until they marry. Pupils are given T-shirts saying "Stop at the lips" and badges reading "I'm worth waiting for." They chant refrains in class such as "Do the right thing, wait for the ring" and "Be confident! Be a virgin!"

The trend has polarised debate in America where teenage pregancy rates are the highest in the western world. Health education professionals who believe young people need explicit information rather than moral lectures have been put on the defensive.

Debra Haffner, executive director of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS), and another senior official will address three conferences of health professionals in London and Sheffield this week.

Ms Haffner said abstinence sex education programmes promoted by American religious groups were based on fear and designed to induce shame and guilt in young people about sexual behaviour. She said: "They withhold information about contraception and protection against sexually transmitted diseases and are often riddled with misinformation."

Ms Haffner said that programmes needed to support young people who were virgins but it was imperative that sexually active young people were given the help they needed. She will be accompanied on the visit by Leslie Kantor, director of community advocacy for SIECUS.

The Family Planning Association said there was no evidence that state schools had adopted the abstinence-based approach yet. However, Californian publishers of textbooks for a course called Sex Respect said last year that they had received orders from Britain. The textbook devotes four chapters to arguing that Aids can be spread by French kissing, saying that "anyone can be carrying your death warrant". Another section says that, on a date, "don't let any part of anyone else's body get anywhere between you and your clothes".

Lady Olga Maitland, Conservative MP for Sutton and Cheam and a member of the Commons Education Select Committee, said the FPA and Sex Education Forum were misdirecting their energies by inviting speakers to criticise abstinence-based programmes. She added: "They should be looking and learning from this new movement. It is a backlash to the liberal approach."

Ex-army woman in baby case demands £505,000

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER servicewoman suing the Ministry of Defence for a record £505,000 criticised the armed forces yesterday for creating a culture which assumed that women join up to get married "and then leave in order to breed". Abigail Kirby-Harris, a mother of two, is claiming compensation from the ministry for being dismissed from the Army after becoming pregnant.

As a captain in the Royal Army Education Corps who had served on attachment to the special forces, she had hoped to be promoted to major but was "compulsorily retired" from the services in 1982 when she became pregnant. Mrs Kirby-Harris, 44, is the latest ex-servicewoman to claim compensation after the ministry admitted liability for breaching European legislation on sexual discrimination.

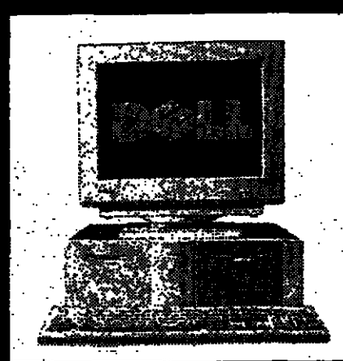
So far, 2,962 claims have been settled at a cost of £31 million — an average of £10,400 per woman — and 1,500 cases are outstanding. *The ministry has appealed* against nine awards and has another 17 appeals lodged. Last week, the ministry withdrew its appeal against a £350,000 award to Josephine Green, a navy nurse — the highest claim until yesterday — after criticism from the judge heading the appeals tribunal.

Mrs Kirby-Harris joined the Royal Army Education Corps on a short-term commission as a 2nd lieutenant in 1978. She was promoted to captain after a year.

She told the tribunal that women were treated very dismissively. She added: "The culture which assumes that all women were in to get married and then leave in order to breed was not one I felt comfortable with." Mrs Kirby-Harris, who is demanding £505,000 compensation for loss of salary, pensions and allowances, said she felt a "burning sense of injustice". The case, which continues today, is expected to test new guidelines that have criticised "manifestly excessive" payments by tribunals.

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Water sports at risk as pollution off South Wales beaches is linked to disease

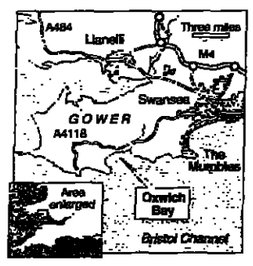
Sea bathers threaten legal action over illness

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A SPATE of illnesses, including paralysis, among people bathing off the Gower peninsula in South Wales is likely to cause the cancellation of water sports there and could lead to legal action. Two teenagers are in wheelchairs after swimming in Oxwich Bay this summer.

A surfing competition is expected to be called off after at least ten people who have been to Oxwich Bay and Mewslade Bay on the peninsula reported symptoms including blurred vision, back pain, breathing difficulties and skin problems.

John Osborne, 17, from Energlyn, Mid Glamorgan, was windsurfing in the bay in June when he felt a pain in his spine and suffered paralysis in his legs 45 minutes later. Cassandra Lewis, of Glanaman, Dyfed, has suffered similiar problems after visting Oxwich.



Sally Moor, a lawyer with the firm of Leigh Day in London, is to visit the two teenagers and a third, unnamed victim, today and will consider legal action. Ms Moor said yesterday: "It is very suspicious that so many people have come down with these illnesses."

The finger has been pointed at Welsh Water which discharges treated sewage into the bay. But there are also scores of industrial and other discharges at nearby Swansea, and elsewhere on the Gower.

The water company says it has a secondary treatment works at Oxwich which has helped the bay to achieve a listing in the *Good Beach Guide*. But Dr Steven Myint of Leicester University said that despite the apparent cleanliness of the water and the discharges, viruses able to cause the illnesses being found can survive many sophisticated treatments, including chlorination and ultraviolet light. Dr Myint, a virologist, said that the amounts of viruses discharged into bathing waters depended partly on the extent of treatment and the make-up of local communities.

"There tend to be more viruses discharged into the water in areas where large numbers of children live," he said.

Dr Myint said the viruses that routinely contaminate bathing waters can trigger illnesses including tummy upsets, skin damage and hepatitis. Some, called enteroviruses and similiar to polio, can cause meningitis which can lead to paralysis.

As officials with the National Rivers Authority, the local council and the water company met yesterday in Swansea to discuss the issue, Surfers Against Sewage, an anti-pollution group, said this weekend's competition at nearby Landland Bay may be abandoned.

Chris Hines, a spokesman, said: "There will be 50 or so of us in the water two to three miles down the coast. We have now got to consider whether to run it in the light of these cases."

He added that the symptoms being reported in South Wales were cropping up at beaches around the country. James Andrews, a windsurfer from Eastbourne, contracted hepatitis A two years ago after surfing off the East Sussex resort.

A legal case was dropped after Mr Andrews returned to work and lost his right to legal aid. But Mr Hines said a toxicologist who advised on the case had stated that the surfer's illness was probably due to faecal contamination of the water. Charles Hopkins, also a lawyer at Leigh Day, said he was now pursuing 15 cases in which contaminated bathing waters are claimed to have caused chronic illness.

British bathing waters are required to meet European standards of cleanliness. Sewage contamination is at present measured by the level of bacteria, called faecal coliforms, found in the water. The directive is up for revision with member states planning to discuss the issue in January 1995.

Dr Myint urged the Government to back a move to make viruses rather than bacteria the standard for giving a beach a clean bill of health. Illnesses, he said, were caused mainly by viruses.


Threecliff Bay on the Gower peninsula, an area in which water-born viruses have been blamed for a rash of illnesses, including paralysis


John Osborne, in a wheelchair after windsurfing

Howard tightens rules on leave for high-risk prisoners

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

HIGH-RISK prisoners will have to comply with new guidelines before they are eligible for home leave or temporary release from jail under regulations being introduced later this week.

The rules, applying at first to prisoners convicted of violent or sexual crimes and offences of robbery, will be extended to all 50,000 prisoners next month. They include increased spot checks on prisoners' whereabouts while in the community and checks that they return directly to prison.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday that a prison helpline would be set up to allow victims of crime to put their views on whether or when a prisoner should be allowed temporary leave. Mr Howard's overhaul of the regulations governing home leave follows a number of incidents that have caused public concern recently. In the past month two prisoners on home leave from Maidstone prison have been charged with murder.

The Home Secretary said the changes were needed to ensure a more rigorous assessment for all temporary absences from prisons. "My message to prison governors will be clear, if there is any doubt, don't let out." Mr Howard told the annual conference of Victim Support in London. Under the new proposals prison governors will discuss cases with the police and probation service before inmates are allowed to leave jails for short visits or to take jobs or attend education courses. Probation officers working in the community as well as those in prisons will have to be consulted and so will victims of crime when practical.

The telephone helpline will start operating next month from a prison service building in Birmingham and victims will be able to express their views or fears to staff who will pass them on to a prison governors. Victims will not have a veto on whether a prisoner is allowed to leave jail, although the governor will be expected to take into account their views.

Practitioners in the criminal justice system questioned the practicality of the helpline and asked how victims would know prisoners were due for release.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said there were 140,000 cases of home and temporary leave each year. "Who on earth is to tell the victims of the crimes that the prisoners are up for consideration?" he said. Mr Howard denied that the helpline was a publicity stunt but admitted that victims would not know when prisoners were due for home leave or temporary release. He said: "Victims will only need to make a phone call to inform the prison service of their feelings."

☐ Three prison officers have been sacked by the governor of Swaledale Prison in Kent after they took a convicted murderer to dinner with Kenneth Noye, who served five years in jail for his part in the Brinks Mat raid in 1983.

Man shot in pub is charged

One of the four men wounded in a shooting and stabbing at a south London public house at the weekend was released from hospital and arrested for attempted murder yesterday.

Police, who are trying to check his identity, have been confronted with silence from many of the 50 drinkers in the Lilliput Hall pub in Bermondsey at the time. Detectives believe the shots were fired inside the pub.

Priest dies in club

A Dublin parish is mourning a Roman Catholic curate who died in a gay sauna club in the city after an apparent heart attack. The last rites were administered to Father Liam Cosgrove, 68, by two priests believed to have been on the premises at the time.

High honour

A Boeing 767 has been named after Brian Johnston, the late cricket commentator, after he was the most popular choice in a survey run in a company magazine by Britannia Airways. Johnston's widow Pauline said she was thrilled at the news.

£3m theft charge

An accountant appeared before Bow Street Magistrates yesterday accused of stealing more than £3 million from the rock singer Sting. Keith Moore, 50, of *Fulham*, west London, who faces 14 charges of theft, was remanded on bail until December 12.

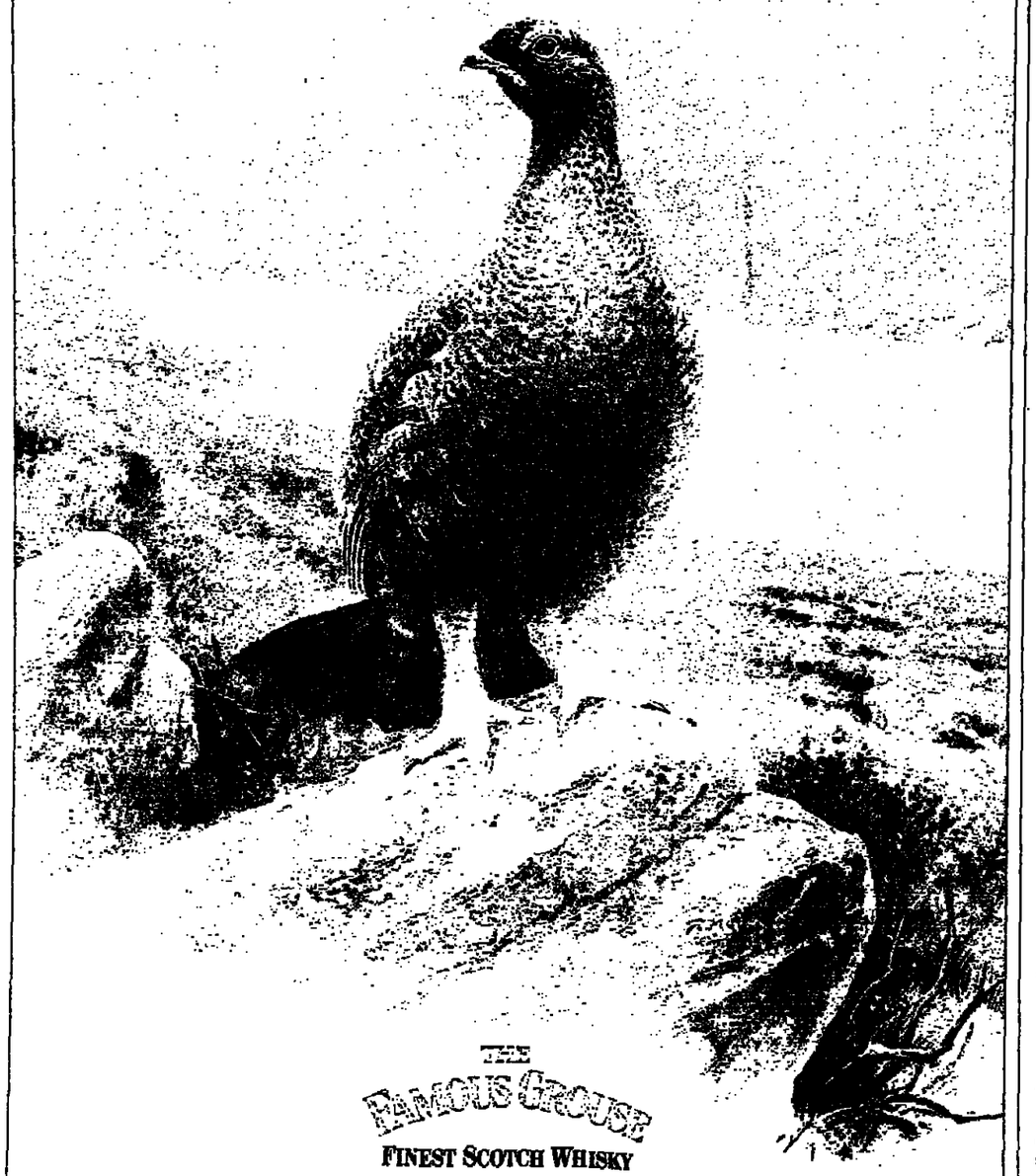
Cocaine case

A Portuguese polio victim accused of smuggling £80,000 of cocaine into Britain in his leg callipers was remanded in custody by Horseferry Road Magistrates yesterday. Antonio Joaquim, 32, is charged with possession and intent to supply.

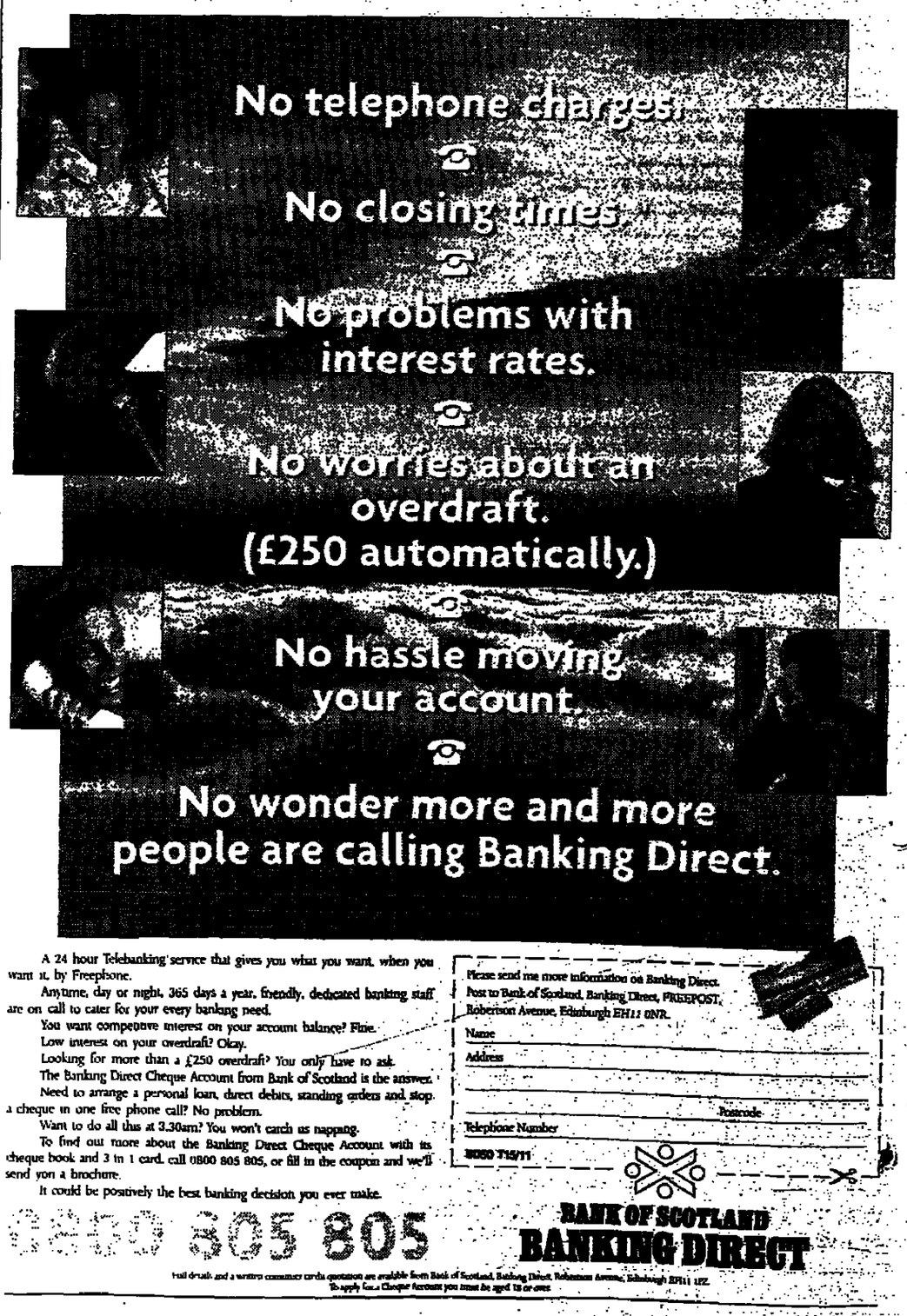
Flying farther

A grey heron from Britain has been recovered alive from fishermen's nets in The Gambia. The British Trust for Ornithology said the 3,000-mile flight was the longest recorded by a British heron. The bird was one of three ringed last year.

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£50m remodelling by Sir Norman Foster will open central courtyard and liberate Reading Room

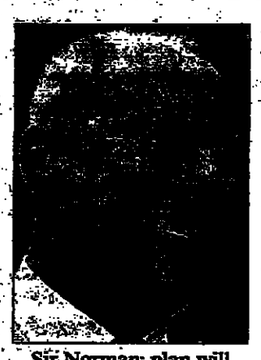
British Museum to be transformed for new millennium

By Marcus Binney

SIR Norman Foster yesterday unveiled details of a £50 million remodelling of the British Museum, intended to rival recent work at the Louvre in Paris. The Foster plan will free the great courtyard of the museum, unseen for nearly 150 years, from a clutter of book stacks, leaving the great domed Reading Room standing free in the centre.

The whole courtyard will be covered in a lightweight translucent roof and become the main access to all the museum's galleries. At peak hours, conditions in the museum become intolerable as visitors going to distant parts of the building push through galleries crowded to capacity.

Sir Norman said: "The British Museum currently has 6.5 million visitors a year, compared to 4.9 million at the Louvre and 4.7 million at the Met in New York. Our new circulation will have absolute clarity. And unlike the Louvre, where anyone crossing from one wing to another has to descend to the basement, movement across the great court at the British Museum will be at both ground and first-floor level."



Sir Norman: plan will help visitors to circulate

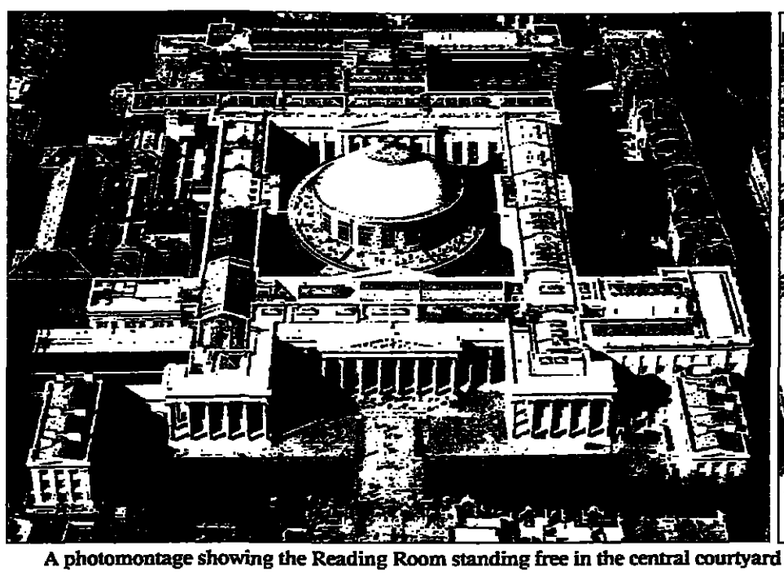
Lifts and a spiral ramp ascending Guggenheim-style round the drum of the Reading Room will enable visitors to admire the architecture of the newly exposed courtyard and its four huge porticoes.

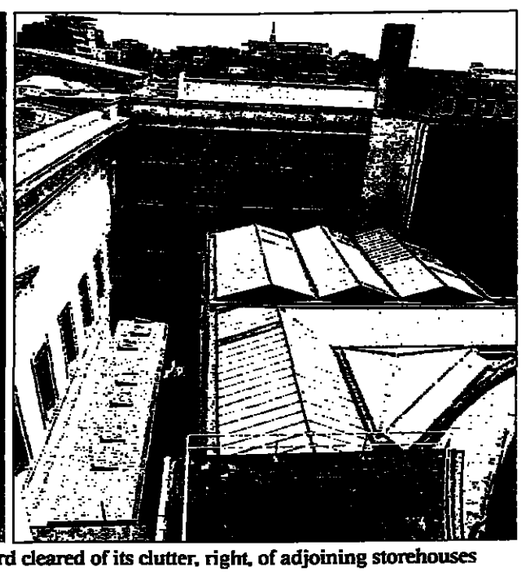
Sir Norman also confirmed the Reading Room would be opened to the public, be used as a museum library and retain its library fittings. "The library breathes history. The idea of stripping it out as a bald drum for exhibition space is rubbish," he said. He was keen to repaint the entrance hall and staircase after the recently discovered original colour scheme.

Lord Windlesham, chairman of the trustees said: "This is a £100 million scheme of refurbishment to mark the museum's 250th anniversary. We will be applying to the Millennium fund for a £50 million contribution. The British Museum has always been a publicly funded museum and while we have been successful in raising sponsorship for individual galleries, we cannot take advantage of the unique opportunity that arises when the British Library moves to St Pancras, unless we have lottery support." He continued: "One of the problems is that our north entrance is far too little used ... Sir Norman's plans will change this."

Criticism of the scheme came from Peter Cannon-Brookes, former director of the National Gallery of Wales. He said: "The British Museum already has far too high an attendance figure. Visiting can be a thoroughly disagreeable experience."

The new covered great court will provide many more facilities for shops and catering. The museum will be opening galleries for ethnography and British archaeology in other parts of the building vacated by the British Library.





A photomontage showing the Reading Room standing free in the central courtyard cleared of its clutter, right, of adjoining storehouses

Spencer de Grey, the project architect, said: "The new roof will probably not be glass but a double-skin inflated pillow of fabric coated in Teflon. This is very durable and soft acoustically and in a fire would simply disappear upwards, allowing natural ventilation in. It will also place a minimum of weight on the stone-work of the courtyard facade."

Sir Norman added: "There will be panels of clear glass around the courtyard so the porticoes will always be seen against the sky." The latest date given for the British Library move is the end of 1996 and the work on the new courtyard would take two and a half years.

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(2) Showing a weak hand with long hearts.

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

I've always found losing to parent-child partnerships particularly galling, so I was pleased to see that it can happen to the best. The deal above features a young American girl as West playing with her mother against Eddie Kantar, many times world champion, in an American national event.

On the previous deal she had made 3NT by endplaying Kantar and then produced this defence. She started well by leading a low trump against Kantar's Two Hearts. Her partner won with the ace and returned the suit to West's king.

Now West played the queen of clubs, ducked all round, and led another club to dummy's ace. Kantar played a spade to his king. West won with the ace, played a club to her partner, discarded her spade on the club continuation and got a spade ruff to beat the contract by two tricks.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Kasparov's triumph

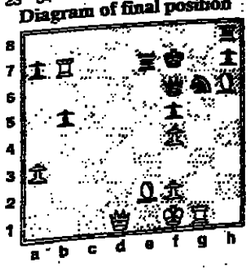
Having eliminated the Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik in the semi-final of the Intel Grand Prix in Paris, the world champion Garry Kasparov demolished the former Yugoslav grandmaster Predrag Nikolic in the final, earning a total of $67,500 (about £42,000) for winning the tournament and sharing first prize in the grand prix circuit with Kramnik. In the first game of the final Kasparov won a beautiful contest, showing disregard for material considerations and fighting only to gain the initiative.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Predrag Nikolic
Intel Grand Prix, Paris, 1994

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	c5
5	a3	Bxc3+
6	bxc3	Ne7
7	Qg4	Kf8
8	h4	Qc7
9	Qd1	cxd4
10	cxd4	Qc3+
11	Bd2	Qxd4
12	Nf3	Qe4+
13	Be2	Nbc6
14	h5	Nxe5
15	h6	gxh6
16	Bxh6+	Kg8
17	Rb1	N7g6
18	Rb4	Nxf3+
19	gxf3	Qe6
20	f4	Qc3+
21	Kf1	f5
22	Rb3	Qf6
23	c4	b6
24	cxd5	Bb7
25	Rd3	Re8
26	Rg1	b5
27	dxe6	Rxe6
28	Rd8+	Kf7
29	Rd7+	Re7
30	Rxb7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



In the second game of the final Kasparov outplayed Nikolic in a long and difficult endgame. Once again, the opening was characterised by Kasparov's willingness to sacrifice material for the initiative.

White: Predrag Nikolic
Black: Garry Kasparov
Intel Grand Prix, Paris, 1994
Benko Gambit

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nf3	Bg7
4	g3	0-0
5	Bg2	d6
6	0-0	c5
7	d5	b5
8	cxb5	a6
9	bxa6	Bf5
10	Nc3	Ne4
11	Nxe4	Bxe4
12	Nd2	Bxg2
13	Kxg2	Rxa6
14	Nc4	Nd7
15	e4	Qa8
16	a4	Rb8
17	Ra3	Nb6
18	Nxb6	Rxb6
19	b3	Rb4
20	Re1	Qb7
21	a5	Qb5
22	Ra2	Rxb3
23	Rxb3	Qxb3
24	Qxb3	Rxb3
25	Ra2	Rb8
26	Kf3	Kf8
27	Ke2	Ke8
28	Bd2	Bd4
29	Ra4	Kd7
30	a6	Ra8
31	f3	h5
32	h3	Kc8
33	Kd3	Kb8
34	Kc4	Ka7
35	Kb5	Rb8+
36	Kc6	Rb3
37	g4	Rd3
38	gxh5	gxh5
39	Ba5	Rxh3
40	Bb6+	Ka8
41	Bd8	Be5
42	Bxe7	Rg3
43	Ra5	Ka7
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47	Ra2	c2

White resigns

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Woman and sons evicted in rare legal move after judge hears of threats and violence

Council uses civil court to end family's terror reign

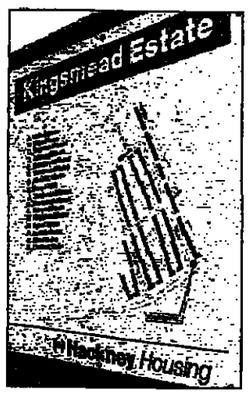
By Richard Duce

A FAMILY of trouble-makers who terrorised an inner-city London estate were yesterday evicted from their home after a council pioneered the use of civil law to bring the problem before a County Court judge.

Sylvia Merritt and her three sons were linked to burglaries and drug dealing on the Kingsmead estate in Hackney, east London, as well as violence towards anyone who threatened to report them.

At Shoreditch County Court yesterday the Borough of Hackney successfully won a possession order against Mrs Merritt to evict her and her three sons from the ground-floor flat. Two of the sons are also the subject of a council injunction stopping them from threatening council staff or entering empty council property.

The two court orders to evict troublesome tenants are believed to be the first such action by a local authority. Today the council will also seek to have one of Mrs Merritt's sons, Prince Cesay, 20, committed to prison for breaching the injunction.



Ranjit Bhose, the barrister for Hackney, told the court yesterday: "The defendant and her three sons, Justin, 22, Prince, 20, and Alan, 18, have together or by themselves waged a campaign of threats, violence, burglaries and drug dealing on the estate and in the neighbourhood."

He said the council, if needed, could produce witnesses who had seen members of the family committing crime on the estate. One neighbour had been almost blinded him in one eye.

Judge Graham, QC, granted the possession order after hearing that Mrs Merritt, 42, had been convicted of allowing her four-bedroom flat to be used for the supply of drugs. Mr Bhose successfully argued that she was a nuisance and annoyance under the terms of her tenancy and that under the 1985 Housing Act she was responsible for the actions of children under the same roof.

Mrs Merritt did not contest the council action as she failed to file a defence with the court.

Hackney has turned to the use of injunctions against troublesome tenants because the burden of proof is lower in civil actions than in criminal cases, where intimidation of witnesses may prevent them giving evidence. In the case of Mrs Merritt and three sons the council action was supported by police evidence of convictions against the family.

According to police in Hackney, the crime rate on the Kingsmead estate — once compared by one senior council official to ghettos in the United States — has fallen sharply since injunctions were obtained against tenants.

Mrs Merritt and her sons moved out of the flat before yesterday's court judgment and are now understood to be living in the Walthamstow area of east London.

JAMES MORGAN



One of the blocks on the Kingsmead estate in Hackney, east London

'I pity the people who get them next'

By Kathryn Knight

PEOPLE living on the Kingsmead estate spoke yesterday of their relief at the eviction of the Merritt family after what one neighbour called their "reign of fear". All who spoke refused to give names for fear of "accidents" but said the estate itself was testament to the family's legacy.

"Look at all the bars on the doors and windows," one said. "They speak for themselves. That family had a real reign of terror. People round here have been terrified for years." The estate, near Hackney Marshes, consists of grey blocks of flats six or seven floors high. Paint hangs off the doors, the walls are scarred with graffiti and the windows are murky.

On the Fairmead block of the estate, neighbours of the Merritts insist that the family almost alone caused the area's decay. "It's never been lovely round here, but that family brought it right downhill. I've seen it turn into a place where people are scared to go out," said one woman in her early thirties. "You name it, we've had it. They ruled with a rod of iron."

Another woman said she would only go out accompanied by her dog. "I don't think there'll be one person here who won't be pleased to see the back of them."

A man tinkering with the engine of a car said: "Yes, I know the Merritts. Everybody round here does. Good riddance is what I say. I just pity the people who get them next."

Sunday Times editor gets £1m pay-off

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

ANDREW Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, is to leave Rupert Murdoch's newspaper and television empire in January with a £1 million pay-off to pursue a career as a freelance broadcaster and writer.

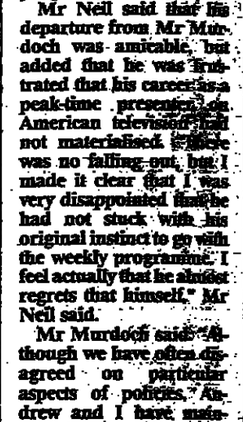
Mr Neil, 45, said he was resigning after 11 years with The News Corporation because Fox Television, the company's broadcasting network in the United States, had dropped the weekly prime-time news programme that he was making. He has been on secondment to Fox in New York for the past seven months, but decided to leave after the station switched to developing a daily late-night programme.

Mr Neil said that his departure from Mr Murdoch was amicable, but added that he was frustrated that his career as a peak-time presenter on American television had not materialised. "There was no falling out, but I made it clear that I was very disappointed that he had not stuck with his original instinct to go with the weekly programme. I feel actually that he almost regrets that himself," Mr Neil said.

Mr Murdoch said: "Although we have often disagreed on particular aspects of politics, Andrew and I have maintained an excellent and open relationship throughout his editorship. Andrew's greatest legacy is that he leaves behind a magnificent staff of brilliant journalists who will all join me in wishing him well in the future."

Mr Neil, who is said to have earned more than £300,000 for his seven-month spell in New York, said that his severance payment was "near enough" to £1 million. He will continue to write a weekly column for *The Sunday Times*, where John Witherow is at present acting editor.

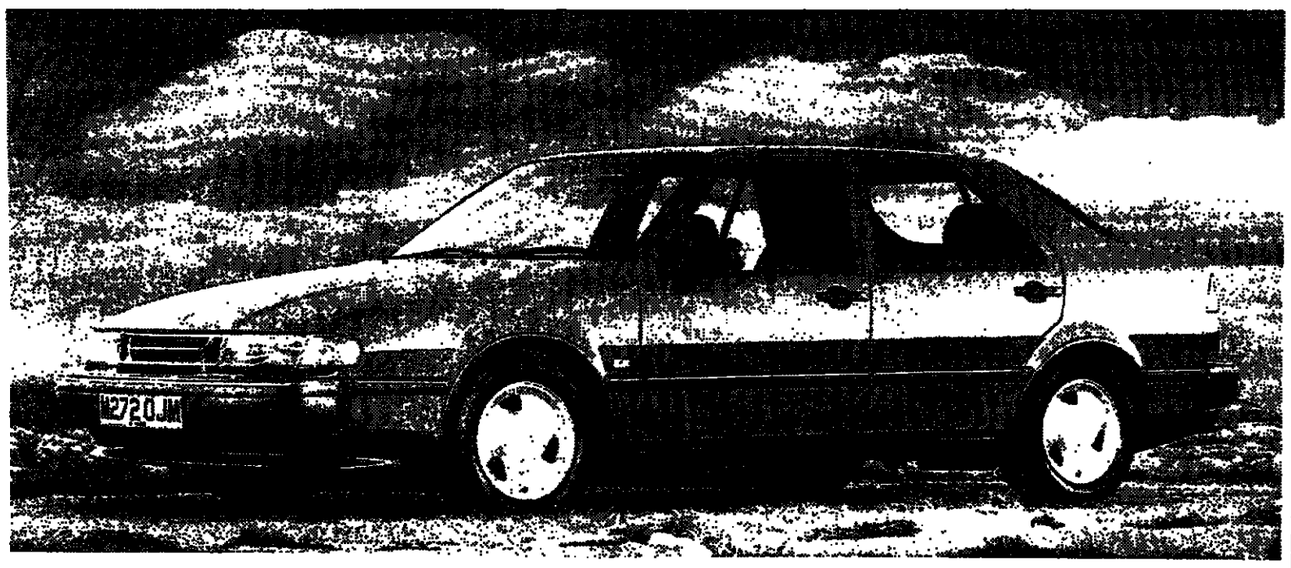
Mr Neil's first freelance assignment will be as a presenter of BBC2's new late-night parliamentary discussion programme *Midnight Hour*, starting tomorrow.



Neil: TV career in America thwarted

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Tory club to pay damages for race discrimination

By Kate Alderson

A CHEF who said she was refused work by a Conservative Club because she was black won damages yesterday for racial discrimination.

Pamela Matthews applied to work as a part-time chef at Preston Central Conservative Club in January but was rejected by Richard Dickinson, then chairman of the club. She was told she was not experienced enough for the £36-a-week post despite having catering qualifications.

Mrs Matthews, 33, complained of racial discrimination to Preston Racial Equality Council, who sent a bogus, unqualified white candidate, Suzanne Rohe, for an interview five days later. Miss Rohe was offered the job after a 20-minute interview with Mr Dickinson despite having no catering qualifications and being unable to cook.

An award of £250 was made to Mrs Matthews, of Ribbleton, Lancashire, by an industrial tribunal in Manchester yesterday for injury to feelings. The club had denied racial discrimination.

Ian Mather, chairman of the tribunal, said: "It is extraordinary that Mr Dickinson did not ask for Miss Rohe's qualifications and offered her the job. Very regrettably for the club there was racial discrimination."

Miss Rohe told the tribunal of her interview with Mr Dickinson: "He told me about the hours but there was no mention of qualifications or work experience. I've never worked as a cook. I don't even cook at home as a rule."

She was then offered the job, the day after Mrs Matthews was turned down, and told she could start two days later. The tribunal heard that Mr Dickinson, who did not attend the hearing, resigned from the club at the end of January for financial reasons. It later closed with big losses.

John Heatley, who succeeded him as chairman, told the hearing: "We cannot confirm or deny that what you have heard is absolutely correct. But if we were being racist, how was it that we had appointed an Afro-Caribbean cook last time?

"That did not go down well with all members. Certain members of the club said to me, 'Why did you appoint an Afro-Caribbean when you could appoint a white person?' But we appointed him because he fitted the job perfectly. Unfortunately, you get racism wherever you go."

After the hearing Mrs Matthews said: "I'm pleased it's been proved that they were in the wrong turning me down, but the amount of compensation I've got is ridiculous.

"I've still not got a job and I'll never be able to forget the stress and trauma. I am devastated and I may appeal against the compensation."

Son's death is greatly exaggerated

A MAN who went out to the bookmakers returned home to find that police had told his elderly mother that her son was dead.

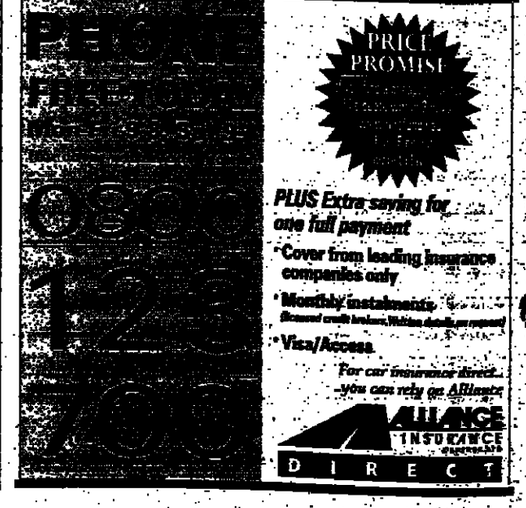
While George Rowe, 41, of Kirkby, Merseyside, placed a bet on the horses his home was also being swamped with sympathy calls from shocked friends and relatives who had heard of his "death" on radio news bulletins. His mother, Eileen Rowe, said: "I nearly fell over when the police told me. If I hadn't seen George in the morning before he went out I would have ended up believing it myself."

Last night police and Foreign Office officials were trying to establish how Mr Rowe's passport came to be on the body of a man found dead in a guest house in Southern Thailand.

Mrs Rowe said she had no idea how the mistake could have happened. "My sister heard the news and was very distressed. George has never even been to Thailand."

Mr Rowe has now gone to the local police station to prove he is alive. The identity of the dead man remains a mystery.

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Eurostar leaves behind trials plagued by delay to reach Paris Gare du Nord with time to spare

Tunnel pioneer's descendants realise his dream



William Low and, below, the site of his tunnel dig in 1880



FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN PARIS

THE first commercial Eurostar train through the Channel Tunnel arrived in Paris a few minutes early yesterday, but for two of the passengers it was more than a hundred years late.

When cousins John and Richard Low boarded the train at Waterloo international station, they were embarking on a journey that marked the culmination of an endeavour begun by their great grandfather in the 19th century. It was William Low who started to dig the first tunnel under Shakespeare Cliff, with Ferdinand de Lesseps, engineer of the Suez Canal, digging towards him from the French side. Low had gone barely a mile when in 1882 military top brass, fearing subterranean invasion, intervened to have the project abandoned.

"Today marks a point in history," John Low said. "It's rather splendid to see the fulfilment of what our great grandfather started."

Trial runs of the Eurostar have been plagued by delay and breakdown, but to the relief of all concerned yesterday the train slid out of Waterloo dead on time at 8.23 and glided to a halt at Platform 3 of Paris Gare du Nord two hours and 57 minutes later, three minutes ahead of schedule. The 700 passengers on the first full fare-paying run enjoyed a journey that was trouble-free, if maddeningly slow at the British end.

Richard Low recalled that when his ancestor gave parties in his tunnel, guests complained that the champagne was flat. "The bubbles were merely held at bay by the increased pressure down there. When the guests returned to the surface they experienced a sharp personal reminder that the champagne was not flat at all."

A similar experiment conducted by two passengers yesterday failed. They had finished their bottle of champagne before the train had even reached Ashford. Not everyone on board yesterday bubbled with enthusiasm.

Monday morning is not a good time to attempt a showy dash to the coast through the commuter traffic of Network SouthEast. The 18-coach Eurostar crept through south London, braking at Brixton, almost halting at Herne Hill, and poodling from Penge to Petts Wood. Bleary commuters gaped in the half-light as the custard-and-grey monster, capable of 186mph, staggered past at half the speed of an Orpington stopper, down to 10mph in places as it became snagged in the morning traffic.

There was ample time to admire the Kent countryside, looking less than its best on a drizzly November morning. Approaching the tunnel, the train at last began to limber up, vanishing into the blackness at 9.40 and re-emerging into an equally dreary Pas de Calais at 9.58.

But then, on the dedicated French high-speed track, it at last had a chance to show its mettle, cruising at 186mph all the way to the suburbs of Paris with the smoothness of the aircraft from which it hopes to steal much business.

Some passengers had put their names down for the inaugural run as soon as Margaret Thatcher and Francois Mitterrand announced the Eurotunnel project in 1986. Peter Jackson, a London businessman, said the train trip to Paris would be his last. "The aisle is much too narrow," he said. "Everyone who passes bumps my shoulder. And doing 10mph through Kent is no incentive to travel. I shall go by plane in future."

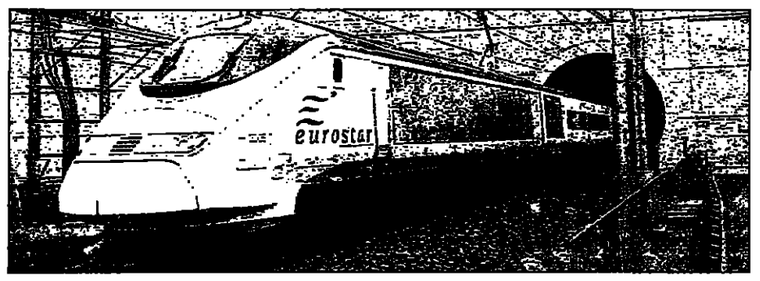
His travelling companion, Sir Michael Fowler, was much more impressed, but disappointed at the absence of duty-free sales.

At the Gare du Nord the French had rolled out the blue carpet to welcome the pioneering travellers, and the drivers, Robert Priston and Lionel Stevenson, were besieged by passengers seeking autographs. You don't see that on Network SouthEast.

DES JENSON



John and Richard Low, great grandchildren of the tunnel pioneer William Low, aboard the Eurostar, below



Ferry firm offers £60 minibus crossing

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE battle for cross-Channel passengers began in earnest yesterday when the ferry company Stena Sealink slashed prices on its Dover to Calais services.

Stena announced a new Apex fare of £60 for a car or minibus with up to nine passengers, while the Channel Tunnel car-train service Le Shuttle launched a combined car hire and train ticket of £218. Le Shuttle was yesterday still unable to announce a starting date for its service. The company has yet to be granted an operating licence for its Folkestone to Calais service so cannot release a full fare package.

A planned advertising campaign is on hold but Le Shuttle says the prices will be competitive with ferries. The introductory fare of £218 is available only to those who hire a Hertz car in England for use beyond the Channel. Called Le Swap, the service allows the passengers to drive their hire car on to the train before swapping it at the other side for a similar car with left-hand drive.

The Stena Sealink Apex fare of £60 is for passengers booking a five-day return and is £10 less next year than the present price. Standard Apex returns start at £110 compared with this year's price of £126 and a peak summer Apex return will be £216.

Eurostar passenger services have attracted 20,000 bookings worth £2.4 million to the end of January.

£6m centre to research root of schizophrenia

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE founder of a small charity for the mentally ill set up five years ago has raised £6 million to build a research centre into the causes of mental illness.

Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of SANE, the schizophrenia charity, and a former *Times* journalist, yesterday announced the go-ahead for the new centre at the Warneford pyschiatric hospital in Oxford, which will pioneer research into schizophrenia and depression.

Ms Wallace approached overseas donors to avoid draining British resources from other mental health initiatives. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Stamatia Xylas, the Greek shipowner, each gave £1.75 million.

A further £1 million was given by the Sultan of Brunei. Oxford University, which will have close links with the centre has donated £500,000 and the Medical Research Council is providing a £1 million research grant over three years. An appeal in *The Times* in May has drawn "numerous donations" from the public.

Ms Wallace said that mental illness devastated the hopes of young people at the peak of their promise. "We have been trying to help but what everyone wants is a cure. The new centre is the first major initiative anywhere in the world to tackle this common and destructive illness."

Professor Colin Blakemore, a neuroscientist at Oxford University and an adviser to SANE, said: "We have learnt more about the working of the brain in the past ten years than in the entire history of science. Now we are on the brink of extending our knowledge towards the conquest of brain disease."

The centre, to be named the Prince of Wales International Centre for Research into Schizophrenia and Depression, after its patron, will initially conduct research into the genetic basis of schizophrenia. Studies show that children who later develop schizophrenia often fail to establish dominance in their handedness (become clearly right or left-handed) and that this could be linked with dominance of the right or left hemispheres of the brain or the degree of communication between them.

Ms Wallace once said the secret of successful fund-raising was to attract potential donors and then find some common ground. Mrs Xylas's daughter, Matti Egon, had introduced her parents to Ms Wallace after reading her articles in *The Times*. They in turn introduced Ms Wallace to the Saudi royal family.



Wallace: used extensive contacts to raise money

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UN force in Bihac short of rifles and medicine

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

THE 1,200 Bangladeshi United Nations troops deployed to protect the Bihac "safe area" have only 250 to 300 rifles among them, and are critically short of medical supplies and winter gear because the Serbs refuse to allow UN convoys into the enclave.

No other peacekeeping unit in the former Yugoslavia has been deployed without a personal weapon for virtually every "blue helmet". A Bangladeshi officer in the enclave said by telephone: "The ship carrying our weapons was delayed and the Croatian Serbs are now blocking them."

A UN officer confirmed that their situation was desperate. "They have some weapons, but don't have enough for each person." He added: "It is completely disgraceful that they have been put into this situation without proper arms and medical or winter supplies."

The Bangledeshi battalion replaced French soldiers who left last month without giving the new troops sufficient time to assemble their weapons before being deployed to Bihac.

Bosnian Serbs have now stepped up their harassment of UN troops. British troops in Gorazde, denied fuel by a rebel blockade, conducted a trial run using mules to ferry supplies last month.

Yesterday, the Serbs *launched a counter-attack* against Croat forces defending the recently-captured town of Kupres in central Bosnia, a senior Muslim-led army source said. A Serb attack has been expected for some days, but there was no independent confirmation of the Bosnian army report that Serb infantry and artillery were in action.

Nato chief rebukes Clinton for breaking ranks over embargo

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN NOORDWIJK

WILLY Claes, the Nato Secretary-General, yesterday urged the United States to demonstrate greater transatlantic solidarity after President Clinton's decision last week to stop enforcing the Bosnian arms embargo.

European foreign and defence ministers, who gathered yesterday for a meeting of the nine-nation Western European Union (WEU) in The Netherlands, voiced their frustration over the American decision, and are anxious about political destabilisation of Nato, even though the decision will have minimal military implications.

Mr Claes told a press conference that the "practical military implications are limited and perfectly manageable", given America's relatively small contribution to Operation Sharp Guard, the joint Nato-WEU operation that patrols the Adriatic Sea and enforces the embargo.

But despite these assurances, Mr Claes could not hide his irritation. In a clear rebuke to the Americans, he added that "on both sides of the Atlantic, we must avoid taking decisions that endanger the mantle of solidarity". He said: "I am a democrat, and I respect the decision taken by the US Congress. But I emphasise that there exists a mandate from the UN Security Council, and it is necessary to enforce this mandate."

However, he sought to play down the long-term political implications of last week's decision, saying: "It is not the first time in the history of Nato that the rules of engagement were not applied by one of its allies." Mr Claes is due to visit President Clinton in Washington later this week.

Yesterday's ministerial meeting at the Dutch seaside resort of Noordwijk, in which ministers from Central and Eastern European countries took part for the first time, discussed the future role of the WEU, which is to a great degree dependent on developments within Nato.

Proponents of a stronger WEU, headed by the French, argue that Nato's political disarray underscores the need to develop the WEU from an obscure European pillar of Nato into an autonomous pillar of the European Union, which would stand alongside the Community and the two inter-governmental pillars, of foreign and security policy, and internal and justice affairs. Britain, formerly hostile to such plans, has become increasingly open-minded.

Wim van Eekelen, the outgoing Dutch WEU Secretary-General, said before the meeting that the debate was moving in favour of proponents of a stronger WEU. "I have a feeling that people are more positive than in the past on whether to consider the WEU as a fourth pillar."

A senior British source said the debate should develop on the basis of practical questions such as "What could be the precise [military] tasks for which the WEU could constitute a source?", and "How can we move towards decision-making processes to move these sources?"

The new concept of the Combined Joint Task Forces (CJTF), the latest element in the alphabet soup of acronyms, played only a subdued part in yesterday's discussions. Through the CJTF, it is envisaged that multinational task forces would be deployed for specific military tasks. WEU diplomats do not expect a breakthrough on the CJTF until after the French elections next year, given the political sensitivity of this issue, and the criticism that such task forces could amount to a loss of national sovereignty.

Bosnian leader calls for arms

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

HARIS Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, yesterday heaped praises on the "monumental" talents of Peter Howson, the Bosnian war artist sponsored by *The Times* — and vitriol on European leaders for their "failure to act against genocide".

Speaking after viewing Howson's work at the Imperial War Museum in London, Mr Silajdzic spoke of the shell-shocked children of Bosnia and said: "When you look into the eyes of a grey-haired seven-year-old, there is no way to express what you see in words. That is why you have art, and I think these paintings are monumental."



Silajdzic "neutrality amounts to complicity"

Mr Silajdzic said that "like Churchill" he would ask Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, and Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office Minister, for "the tools to do the job" of defending Bosnia. Britain and other European allies oppose America's drive to lift the arms embargo against the Muslim-led Bosnian government.

The Bosnian leader called on Britain to end the arms embargo and support air-strikes on Serb forces attacking the Bihac region. "The arms embargo was productive only in the numbers of people killed and expelled — 200,000 killed and 1.5 million expelled. Neutrality amounts to complicity," he said. "Our faith in the future of Europe has been broken."



Ingvar Carlsson, the Swedish Prime Minister, who won the referendum on joining the EU, and Margareta Winberg, the Agriculture Minister who supported the "no" campaign, hug after casting their rival votes

Sweden joins EU as 'problem child' after close referendum

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN STOCKHOLM

THE European Union was yesterday digesting the bitter-sweet news that Sweden had joined the Union, but that the "family" had acquired what Scandinavians like to call a "difficult child".

Sweden's politicians and business leaders celebrated the victory of a "yes" campaign which won 52 per cent of the vote, taking the country into the EU on schedule next January with Austria and Finland. The result enhances the reputation and power of Ingvar Carlsson, the Social Democrat Prime Minister, who calmly overrode his party's split over EU membership and swung undecided voters into his camp at the last moment by simply asking them to trust his promise that Swedes would prosper and survive inside the EU.

Senior politicians in the Union were evidently relieved that the group would expand as planned. "It shows Europe is still attractive ... There is demand for Europe," said Jacques Delors, European Commission President. Pro-EU votes in Austria, Finland and Sweden confirmed "the great attractiveness of united Europe", Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, said.

But votes across Europe on EU membership and the Maastricht Treaty in the past few years have revealed that the effects of referendums linger long after the question on the ballot paper has been settled. Sweden's weekend vote decides its membership of the EU but was sufficiently close to mean that ministers will be on a tight leash when they travel to Brussels and when the Maastricht Treaty is revised in 1996.



Gudrun Schyman, a "no" campaign leader

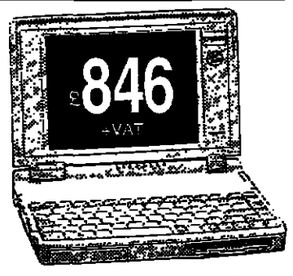
Asked if he was not worried by his narrow margin of victory, Mr Carlsson pointed out that Swedes had supported joining the EU more strongly than French voters had endorsed the Maastricht Treaty. But Sweden enters the Union with doubts about the direction and speed of European integration.

Forthcoming elections for the Swedish seats in the European Parliament will almost certainly see Eurosceptics elected, as they already have been in Denmark and France.

Sweden now joins Denmark and and Finland in the EU to form a loose grouping of states which were prosperous and peaceful for many years outside the Union and whose voters are wary of a supra-national bureaucracy in Brussels and ever alert to the risk of being steamrollered by big states. Some of their interests will coincide with Britain's, but on other issues the new arrivals will be uncomfortable partners for London. Governments of both Left and Right in Sweden and Finland will press for more stringent EU social and environmental laws.

Whether four or three new countries join the EU next year will not be known until reluctant Norway votes on November 28. But the effect on the EU's political balance is already clear. The Union's northern flank now consists of states whose political class was formed by liberal, Lutheran Protestantism and by the intimacy of small states. Nordic politics are open, informal and elected representatives are expected to keep their promises. Referendums on EU issues grow steadily more popular.

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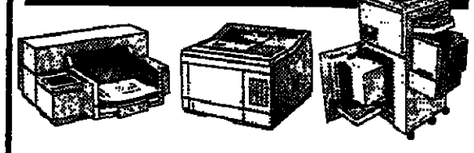
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pope points to sins of the Church

Rome: The Pope said yesterday that the Church should admit past sins, and suggested in a reference to Nazism that many Roman Catholics had acquiesced in the evils of totalitarianism. He also announced a series of Church gatherings round the world at the turn of the century to celebrate 2,000 years of Christianity. *(Reuter)*

Sword attack

Bucharest: Muhammad Ali Assadi, an Iranian described by Romanian newspapers as a political refugee, has been killed with a "ninja" sword in an attack at his home in Bucharest. *(Reuter)*

Alien nation

Geneva: Switzerland has turned down an application from a French journalist to build an embassy for visitors from outer space "until they have landed and been recognised as a community" under international law. *(AFP)*

US watches tense Greek and Turkish war games

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN ATHENS

AN AMERICAN destroyer, the *USS Cape St George*, is on patrol in the Aegean Sea to ensure naval war games involving rival Greek and Turkish fleets do not erupt into the real thing.

Turkey has threatened to declare war if Greece extends its territorial waters after an international sea convention comes into force tomorrow. Although Nato is convinced that the Turks are merely sabre-rattling, and the Greeks will maintain their current six-mile limit in the overcrowded Aegean, some European Union diplomats are concerned that there may be trouble this week.

Up to 12 Greek warships are said to be shadowing the Turkish vessels taking part in Operation Seawolf in international waters near the Greek islands of Lesbos and Skyros.

The *Cape St George* is monitoring the situation from a position somewhere between the Turks and a routine Nato exercise approximately 200 miles to the south involving the Greeks, British, French, Spanish and Italians.

One Nato official said: "We are watching them like hawks. Hopefully, our presence should act as a safety valve."

President Clinton has written to both governments urging them to act with restraint.



Andreas Papandreou, the ailing Socialist Prime Minister, is expected to reiterate that Greece reserves the right to double its territorial limit from six to 12 miles, as enshrined in the United Nations Law of the Sea. Evangelos Venizelos, the government spokesman, said yesterday: "Greece will not sell out its right."

The public Greek posture of "maybe we will extend, maybe we won't" has added to the tensions as tomorrow's deadline approaches. The Turks insist any increase will be interpreted as an aggressive act and thus a *casus belli*.

They argue that an extension would make it impossible for Turkish ships to leave harbour freely in the Aegean where, in some places, Greek islands are less than a mile from the Turkish mainland.

Analysts at the Hellenic Foundation for Defence and Foreign Policy Studies believe that, in the event of war, the Turks would seize perhaps two Aegean islands and hold them hostage.

But most analysts believe that the chances of war are extremely slim, the Greeks will act with restraint, and the bellicose statements of Mumtaz Soysal, the Turkish Foreign Minister, are little more than hot air.

Berlusconi heads for austerity budget win

Rome: Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister, was expected to win a confidence vote in parliament last night on his 1995 austerity budget, but his government faced more serious opposition on reform of pensions later this week (John Phillips writes).

The conservative administration called the vote on Friday on section 30 of the budget Bill, which provides for a pardon for building speculators who have built tenement blocks and other constructions illegally in return for paying a hefty fine to help plug the huge state spending deficit.

The vote was delayed because of filibustering by some 80 MPs in the left-wing Progressive opposition group who had asked to speak before the vote.

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Satellites reveal details of high-security project for last line of defence

Israel 'has developed 200 nuclear weapons'

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

HIGH-RESOLUTION Russian and French satellite images shows that Israel has developed at least 200 nuclear-tipped weapons. But evidence over the past five years also signals that Israel does not consider the nuclear option to be a first-strike weapon but a last-resort device to be used only if the country is threatened with annihilation.

These are the main conclusions of an unprecedented exposé of Israel's highly secret nuclear weapons programme, published in the current issue of *Jane's Intelligence Review*. Harold Hough, the America-based author of books and articles on military strategy and satellite surveillance, says that until now little was known about Israel's nuclear capability. But photographs have now made it possible to follow the trail from the nuclear reactor to the final product.

The programme is spread around the country. The site of the nuclear reactor and plutonium-processing plant is in the south, at Dimona in the Negev desert. The design and testing of nuclear weapons is in the centre at Soreq. The weapons are assembled at Yodefat. Missiles are built at Beer Yaakov Jericho II: tactical nuclear weapons are stored at Eilabun. The missile base and home of the strategic nuclear deterrent is near Kefar Zekharya, in the Judaean hills.

"The area is naturally suited to the construction of underground bunkers because it is composed of limestone and riddled with caves," Mr Hough says of the Judaean site. "Building began in 1976 and the base became operational in the 1970s. According to current satellite imagery, it is still undergoing expansion."

The older part of the facility consists of four buildings in revetments which lead to underground bunkers. For many years those bunkers housed the Jericho I mobile missiles and still store the gravity bombs for the nuclear-capable F4s abd F16s stationed a few kilometres further north. To the south of these revetments are several roads that lead underground; there is also a bank of five surface-to-air missile emplacements.

To the southeast is the newer missile base built in the late 1980s and early 1990s to house the more modern Jericho II missile. Russian satellites from 1989 showed construction of missile bunkers but no perimeter fence: from 1991 onwards a fence was built and after 1992 more bunkers were completed.

Inside the perimeter of the new base several roads can be seen with side branches leading to 50 underground bunkers, where it is presumed 50 nuclear-tipped Jericho II missiles are stored. According to *Jane's*, it was at this base that the Jericho II was tested on September 14, 1989. It travelled about 800 miles and landed west of Crete.

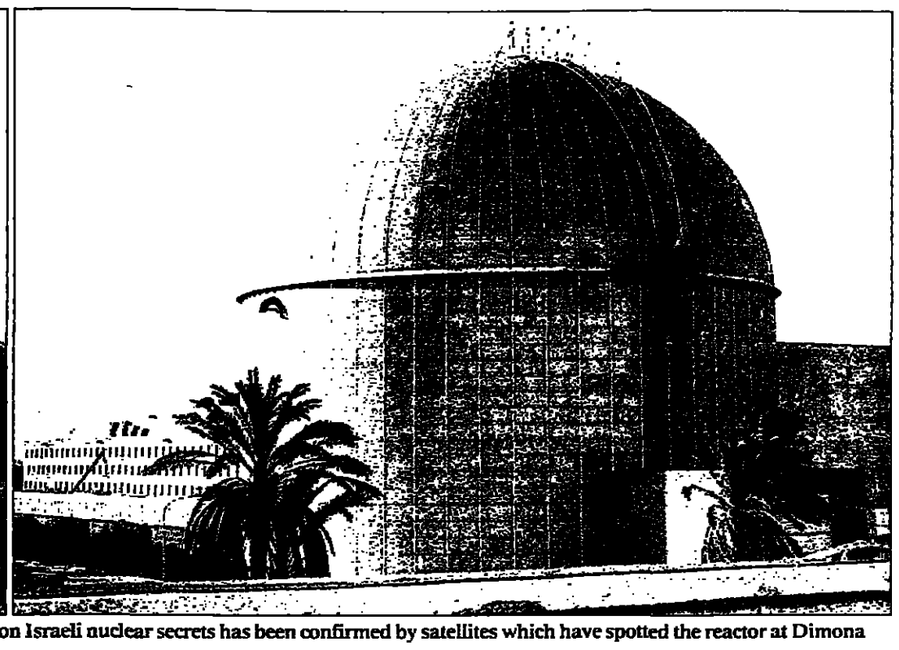
Mr Hough said that the satellite images give insight into Israel's nuclear doctrine. "The strategic weapons are in the Judaean foothills, the heart of Israel for three millennia. By placing their nuclear deterrent in the centre of the country, the Israelis have placed it in a defendable area that would be one of the last parts of Israel to fall to an enemy." This clearly signalled it was a last-resort weapon.

Three characteristics give away the location of the nuclear facilities, he says. First, they are surrounded by an extremely heavy perimeter fence with many patrol roads; secondly, they are surrounded by heavy vegetation, even in the arid desert, to screen the sites from the roads; thirdly, there is an unusual amount of space inside the perimeter to give defence in depth.

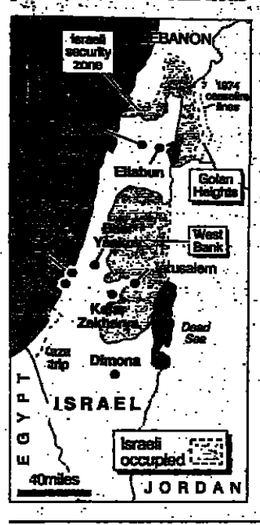
Mr Hough acknowledges the information revealed by Mordechai Vanunu, the nuclear technician now half-way through an 18-year prison sentence, who revealed details to *The Sunday Times*. These have been confirmed by the satellites' "unbiased and verifiable sources of information".

He concludes that Israel builds about only a few nuclear weapons a year, but now has 60 Jericho II missiles, together with older Jericho I missiles in Galilee. "If Israel is trying to build a balanced strategic deterrent, it is logical to assume that the country has an equal if not larger number of gravity bombs. In addition, there would be a need for dozens of artillery shells, landmines and special demolition devices that could push the final number up to nearly 200 weapons."





Mordechai Vanunu, whose information on Israeli nuclear secrets has been confirmed by satellites which have spotted the reactor at Dimona



☐ **Gaza:** Palestinian police in the Gaza Strip have arrested Shaikh Abdallah al-Shami, the spokesman of the Islamic Jihad organisation, as part of a sweep against the group which killed three Israeli soldiers last week. He was taken into custody on Sunday, in the latest of 150 arrests. Israel is putting pressure on the Palestinian Authority to crack down on Muslim groups that have killed nearly 30 people since October. *(Reuter)*

Rangoon linked to germ warfare

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BURMA'S military government is using germ warfare against the rebel Karen tribe, according to a report published today by Baroness Cox, the deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, and Christian Solidarity International, a human rights group.

Balloons containing traces of cholera and typhoid are being released by government planes over Karen villages, along the Thai-Burmese border, in a bid to defeat the last main ethnic minority still waging a guerrilla war against Rangoon. Villagers said that after the foul-smelling devices were released, people died from a cholera-type illness.

The report, issued after a ten-day, fact-finding visit to the area this month by Lady Cox and the human rights group, also documents cases of torture, killing and forced labour.

In one village, Karen medical staff told the team that 185 people had died from the disease, previously unknown in the area. One spent device has been brought back to the United Kingdom and will be analysed by the Foreign Office.

"I think a regime looking for ways to intimidate and destroy could use this kind of geography to get away with murder and not be found out," Baroness Cox told Associated Press Television during the journey.

America accuses Saddam of palace building spree

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United States yesterday accused President Saddam Hussein of Iraq of spending upto $1 billion (£629 million) to build "pleasure palaces" for the country's ruling elite depite the crippling sanctions on his country.

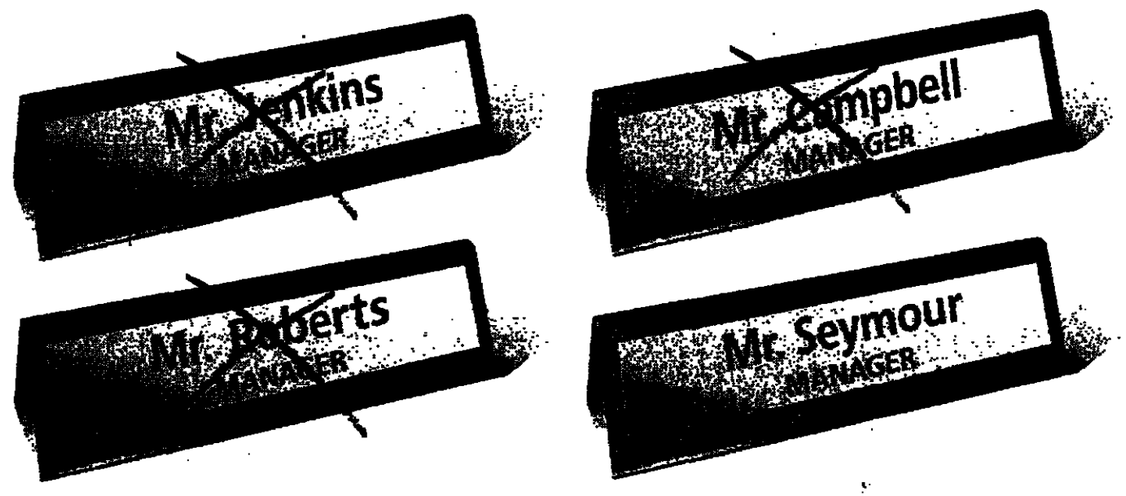
Madeleine Albright, the American Ambassador to the United Nations, showed members of the Security Council a dozen satellite photographs of the sprawling retreats. The information was designed to defuse growing pressure for an early end to the UN oil embargo, and to emphasise that the hardships being suffered by Iraqis were the fault of the government, and not the UN.

American officials said the building programme would triple to about 30 the number of official residences available for the elite at a time when food rations have been cut for the majority of the population. One complex in Saddam's home town of Tikrit contains at least 13 palaces and a lake, created by diverting water from the Tigris river. Another palace on Lake Tharthar is more than four times the size of the White House.

Iraq, the officials added, had sought to use the humanitarian exception in the sanctions regime, imposed after the Gulf War, to import marble tiles, televisions, fur coats, ice cream, cigarettes and cameras. The charges of profligacy add to a litany of complaints by Washington and are intended to counteract the support for an easing of sanctions.

But Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, who arrived at the UN to lobby for an easing of sanctions yesterday, ridiculed the claims as "rubbish". He said: "We are proud that these palaces, as well as all the sites that were bombed, have been rebuilt."

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Republicans poised to put Clinton's foreign policy into reverse


Dole: opposes nuclear deal with North Korea

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Clinton is busily assuring anxious world leaders that Republican control of Congress will not affect American foreign policy, but the reality in Washington is quite the opposite.

The Republicans' foreign policy priorities differ starkly from the White House's, and with the ultra-conservative Jesse Helms chairing the Senate foreign relations committee they will be in a powerful position to obstruct Mr Clinton's agenda while advancing their own.

More plausible than Mr Clinton's assurances was the warning that President Yeltsin gave his top military commanders yesterday: "We can expect a certain toughening of the US stand in foreign policy and military issues."

Although Mr Yeltsin was making a bid to regain personal popularity with the military as reports forecast the impending dismissal of Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister accused of corruption, his warning of increased tension with America would not have come as surprising to the armed forces. In the past week, there has been strong criticism of American policy by Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister. Moscow and Washington differ on issues concerning Nato's expansion, ending of sanctions against Iraq and lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia.

Mr Clinton will have trouble persuading Congress to authorise further aid to Russia or to almost anywhere, save Israel. Mr Helms has already announced a review of "the so-called foreign aid programme ... that has spent an estimated $2 trillion (£1.25 trillion) of the American taxpayers' money, much of it going down foreign rat holes". Despite Moscow's vehement objections, he also favours rapid Nato membership for Baltic and Central European nations.

America's commitment to the United Nations will suffer, too. Mr Helms calls that body "a long-time nemesis of millions of Americans" that wastes billions of US dollars and says "a complete re-evaluation of the US-UN relationship is imperative". He wants to reduce America's troop and cash contributions to UN peacekeeping operations.

The Israeli government already fears the Republicans would block the deployment of US troops to patrol the Golan Heights — an essential condition of any Israeli-Syrian peace accord.

Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader from January 4, is leading congressional demands for the lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims despite the allies' objections. On Sunday he urged Mr Clinton to withdraw all 15,000 US troops from Haiti by November 24, a move that could plunge that country back into chaos. He and other top Republicans have also challenged the agreement to give North Korea safe nuclear reactors worth $4 billion if it abandons its nuclear weapons programme.

The new, more populist Republican Party may also prove more protectionist. An early test will come in two weeks when Congress votes on ratifying the new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade accord. Mr Dole objects to the proposed new World Trade Organisation which would erode US independence. On Sunday, Daniel Moynihan, the Senate finance committee's outgoing chairman, said that the accord had only 26 of the 60 Senate votes needed for approval.

Mr Helms's committee not only authorises spending for US activities overseas but must approve international treaties. He opposes the global biodiversity convention and the Law of the Sea treaty, both of which the US signed recently but must still be ratified. He opposes a new treaty banning chemical weapons because of the potential for Russian cheating. Though Richard Lugar and other moderate Republicans may temper Mr Helms's wilder instincts, an adviser to Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said the gist of an internal State Department report was: "Fasten your seat belt".

Protesting Timor students offered asylum in Portugal

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN JAKARTA

PORTUGAL will give asylum to a group of 29 East Timorese students staging a demonstration inside the grounds of the United States Embassy in Jakarta, Anibal Cavaco Silva, the Portuguese Prime Minister, announced yesterday.

The students have been in the embassy compound for three days to demand a meeting with President Clinton or Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, to discuss the situation in East Timor, which has been occupied by Indonesia since the 1975 invasion.

Senhor Cavaco Silva said the Foreign Ministry was trying to arrange for the group to come to Portugal. He said recent events in East Timor, where Indonesian police have arrested 80 Timorese after an outbreak of rioting, again demonstrated "the oppression of the Timorese people over the years" by the Indonesian government.

There were further clashes in East Timor yesterday when 600 students rioted at the university after security forces arrested one person. Eighty more were then arrested.

The leaders of 18 Asia-Pacific nations, including President Clinton, meet in the hill resort of Bogor today for an informal summit that the Americans hope will produce agreement on working towards free and open trade in the economically fast-growing region. Chile was the latest country to join the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) forum, which represents an area that makes up more than 40 per cent of global trade.

Human rights were also on the agenda when Mr Clinton raised rights issues during talks with Jiang Zemin, the Chinese President. However, anything the Americans say on the subject now must be coloured by their decision last May to separate trade and human rights issues.

The protests, occurring in the presence of 2,000 foreign journalists, are hugely embarrassing to President Suharto. Before he arrived, Mr Clinton said he would be raising human rights concerns with the Indonesian government. "Now he has a perfect example to point to," one Western diplomat here noted.

Meanwhile, an Indonesian Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday denied there was any aid-for-arms diplomacy involved in the planned sale of £2 billion worth of British military equipment to Indonesia. He said that all foreign aid to Indonesia was scrutinised carefully and went only to development programmes. "I can say that no aid is involved in British arms sales to Indonesia."

He did confirm that £16 million in British aid was involved in a project for a 35-mile toll road linking Jakarta with Bandung. Trafalgar House, a British construction company, is building the road with a company owned by President Suharto's daughter, Tutut. The fact that a member of Suharto's family is involved is hardly surprising, as it has a finger in almost every major joint venture.


First Ladies Anita Keating, left, of Australia, Hillary Clinton and Tien Suharto, of Indonesia, on a tour of a Jakarta culture park yesterday

US shuttle diverted by storm

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A TROPICAL storm at its Florida base forced the space shuttle *Atlantis* to land at Edwards air force base in California yesterday.

Atlantis is loaded with data collected over the past 11 days by six atmospheric and solar-energy monitors and a $35 million (£22 million) German satellite. A seventh instrument, an ozone monitor, broke a day after the November 3 launch, but scientists said they got more than enough data and the mission was described as "almost flawless". One of the devices gathered enough information to fill 120,000 computer floppy disks.

Commander Donald McMonagle brought the spaceship and its six astronauts down through a clear sky at the base in the Mojave desert, ending the 11-day atmospheric research mission. Hours before the scheduled touchdown at Kennedy space centre in Florida, it was obvious that the weather would bar any chance that *Atlantis* could land there.

"Welcome home. It's a great way to end '94. Beautiful mission," mission control told the crew after *Atlantis* rolled to a stop. It was the seventh and final shuttle flight of the year.

Fruit bats to join protected species

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

TOUGH restrictions on trade in a range of exotic species including fruit bats, armadillos and pangolins, a kind of anteater, were expected to be in place this morning.

But a vote on South African plans to allow trade in elephant meat and hides is now not expected until later today.

Members of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites), meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, began voting on the fate of more than 100 species after preliminary talks last week. The first animals on the agenda are the golden capped fruit bat and the panay giant fruit bat, two closely related species. Fruit bat stews are popular in some Pacific countries, and scores of species have declined in recent years. The bats, like bees, play a key role in pollinating fruit trees and flowers.

The Philippines, which is likely to succeed in its move to seek greater protection for the bats, proposed last night that all trade in the two species be banned. There are estimated to be between 5,000 and 100,000 of the bats in the Pacific, but their numbers are rapidly declining because of deforestation, sport and use as a food supplement. Cites members were also planning to back a proposal to boost protection for the long-tailed, white-bellied and giant ground pangolins. The scales of these anteater species are used in traditional Far Eastern medicines.

Restricted trade in four species of armadillo was being proposed by Chile and was expected to be backed by Cites members. Another of the proposals to win backing last night was made by The Netherlands: it wants a ban on trade in red pandas to the pet and zoo markets. The animals live in China, India and Bhutan, and it is claimed by the Dutch that their numbers are down to a few thousand. This figure is disputed by some states.

The meeting was also poised to vote on a controversial Norwegian proposal to downgrade two northeastern Atlantic populations of minke whale from Appendix I to Appendix II of the convention. This would enable Norway to resume whaling and win backing for its view that the species can be hunted without endangering its numbers.

Millions of banknotes carry drug traces

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MOST of the millions of banknotes circulating in the Los Angeles area bears traces of drugs, according to research that has saved a man accused of trafficking.

The US Appeal Court threw out a case against Joseph Alexander, who was stopped by police earlier this year with $30,000 (£19,000) in cash in his car, most of it bearing traces of cocaine. The case was dismissed when the judge heard that three out of four notes in Los Angeles, and an even higher proportion of the $20 bills used to inhale, and pay for drugs, were tainted. Notes that have not passed through a drug dealer's hands for some time may carry as little as one-billionth of a gram, while others may carry as much as a milligram, according to Jay Williams, a toxicologist.

A note that has been used to snort cocaine can contaminate an entire cash register, the court heard. Jerold Bloom, for the defence, said that virtually everyone in the city could be accused of trafficking.

Carjacker in street gun battle

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SAN FRANCISCO

AN ARMED man hijacked two cars then killed a policeman and wounded three other people in a 25-minute barrage of machinegun fire in San Francisco.

The gunman was shot and killed by police after firing more than 100 rounds into buildings and traffic. "It was like war," said Charles Malloy, who abandoned his van when it was hit.

The man, wearing a bullet-proof vest and battle dress and carrying at least three weapons, forced a woman from her car in Mountain View, about 35 miles south of San Francisco on Sunday. He drove to the city and stole a second woman's car before stopping and firing into the street as people dived for cover.

Police were called and the first on the scene, James Guelff, was shot in the head as he got out of his car. Other officers fired back, and witnesses said the gunfight lasted up to 25 minutes, with the man reloading his weapons several times until he was shot.

Mr Guelff died yesterday at San Francisco General Hospital. A second policeman and a bystander were seriously wounded and a third man lightly injured.

Tradition at stake as LA becomes vampire heartland

BY GILES WHITTELL

IN A thinly veiled snub to Transylvania, the traditional East European home of Count Dracula, a New York parapsychologist has declared Los Angeles to be the vampire capital of the world.

There are 36 real human bloodsuckers in the Southern Californian metropolis, according to Stephen Kaplan of the Vampire Research Centre in Elmhurst, New York, who says vampires are physically addicted to human blood, derive sexual pleasure from drinking it and believe it will prolong their lives.

Mr Kaplan reassured jittery Americans, about to see the film *Interview With The Vampire*, that "most vampires are very pleasant individuals and they require only a few ounces of blood two or three times a week. Vampires are sexually charismatic, high-energy people — and that's LA people," he added in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times*. "Besides, in California if you're unusual no one will notice you."

But if life imitates art, California's love-bite fetish is about to go nationwide. Some five millions Americans flocked to *Interview With The Vampire* on its opening weekend, suspending disbelief to watch Tom Cruise, the macho star of *Top Gun*, *Days of Thunder* and *A Few Good Men*, play an immortal bisexual with a fondness for veins. The film took more than $35 million (£21.4 million) in two days, the fourth strongest box-office opening ever, after *Jurassic Park* and the two Batman films.

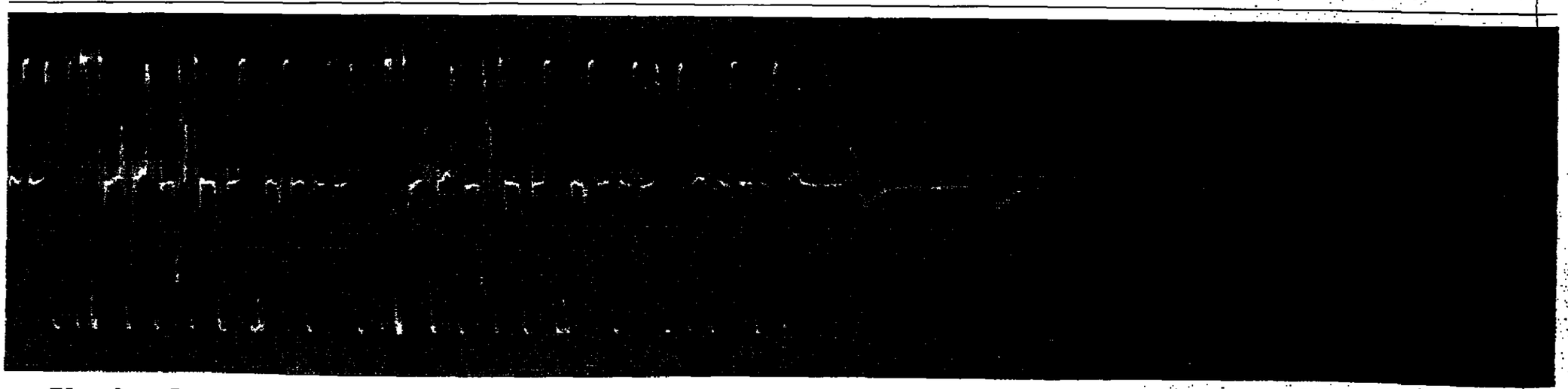
Mr Kaplan has but faint praise for the latest blockbuster. He does not believe in vampires that change into bats and cannot die except from a stake through the heart. However, he also admits to being upset at not receiving an invitation to the première.

Where the parapsychologist sticks out his neck is in identifying California as having the world's largest concentration of vampires, which traditionally were allergic to the sun. His finding may reflect the discovery of a cure for the rare blood disease porphyria, whose victims could be horribly disfigured by exposure to the sun and which for many years was medical science's best explanation of the vampire myth.

Film directors and makers of video games are on notice that the goriest excesses of their imaginations have been imitated in real life, however. In 1988, when three boys admitted licking the blood off their hands as they beat a vagrant to death in Minnesota, they cited the vampire film *The Lost Boys* as their inspiration.

Anne Rice, author of the book on which *Interview With The Vampire* is based, rejects the notion that her creation could inspire such crimes. "I think the vampire is a romantic, enthralling image," she says.


Christopher Lee as the Transylvanian Dracula



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Peace deal halted as Angolan offensive drives back rebels

By Sam Kiley, Africa correspondent

THE Angolan government yesterday continued its campaign to force Unita rebels out of its urban strongholds as delegates from both sides arrived in Zambia to sign a peace deal that appeared to be on the verge of collapse.

A United Nations official said yesterday that the two sides, which had arrived in a belligerent mood, had put off signing the agreement until an unspecified date.

General João de Matos, the Angolan army's chief of staff, was quoted yesterday in *Jornal de Angola* as saying: "We are at war and the FAA [Angolan armed forces] will continue to fight Unita wherever they are." Eugínio Manuvakola, General Secretary of the rebel movement, on arrival in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, accused Luanda of violating the peace pact, which was due to be signed today.

Only one town, Uige, is still being held by Unita after government successes. Angolan state radio claimed yesterday that the army had taken control of Mbanza Congo, the rebels' last bastion in the north. This gain came after the fall of Huambo, which contained Unita's headquarters, over the weekend.

Three weeks ago both sides initialled a peace protocol, paving the way for today's planned signing ceremony. Several other such deals have collapsed since the 19-year civil war, because both sides have tried to seize land for use in later negotiations.

Although international sympathy for Jonas Savimbi, Unita's leader, is slim because he took his troops back to the bush rather than accept defeat in the 1991 elections, America yesterday told the Angolan government to halt its offensive.

In a lightning visit to Lusaka, George Moose, the Under Secretary of State for African affairs, said: "The US government is deeply concerned by the continuing government offensives. We strongly support the urgent call by the United Nations for an immediate cessation of hostilities by both parties to the conflict."

One million people are believed to have died in Angola's civil war. Hundreds of thousands more have been made homeless in a country which suffers from under-population and has vast oil, diamond and agricultural resources. Unita's control of a large part of the diamond fields in the north financed its guerrilla war until earlier this year, when the army forced the rebels out with the help of South African mercenaries.

The postponement came as Southern African leaders, including President Mugabe of Zimbabwe and President Mandela of South Africa, assembled in Lusaka to witness the ceremony. Earlier, they said that they would use the gathering to explore alternatives if the deal was not signed. This may include recent resolutions at the Franco-African meeting in Biarritz to establish an African peacekeeping force that would police a ceasefire.



A woman washes her child in a camp which houses 30,000 Angolan refugees near Caxito, northeast of Luanda

Mandela accuses officers of war against ANC

Police 'rough up' Pretoria minister

From Michael Hamlyn in Johannesburg

TENSION between the South African police and the country's new black-dominated government continues to grow, despite the personal intervention of President Mandela.

The police, who for 40 years were used to enforce apartheid, retain their racist attitude towards black people. The latest to suffer at their hands was Daniel Mofokeng, a provincial minister in the Johannesburg region, who claims he was roughed up by police in the wake of widespread crowd trouble at a pop concert at the weekend. Mr Mofokeng, Minister for Local Government and Housing in the Pretoria Witwatersrand and Vereeniging province, has laid charges against the police. The incident was the subject of a meeting yesterday between Jessie Duarte, the Witwatersrand Police Minister, and Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz, the senior police-man on the Witwatersrand. The commissioner assured the minister that a full investigation would be conducted into the incident and the findings would be submitted to Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau, who is the Witwatersrand Attorney-General.



Mufamdi: arrested for double-parking

Mrs Duarte was already angered by what appeared to be a deliberate campaign of non-co-operation by the police after senior policemen failed to keep appointments at policy meetings.

A statement after yesterday's meeting in Pretoria said blandly: "With regard to the issue of the non-attendance of meetings by police officers, the meeting agreed to certain procedures to ensure that this will not occur in the future. General Calitz assured the minister that this was not due to any lack of respect or discourteousness on the part of the police."

Lack of respect and discourtesy was exactly what Sydney Mufamdi, the Police Minister in Mr Mandela's Cabinet, complained about when traffic police carted him off to the police station after he had double-parked outside a branch of Kentucky Fried Chicken in Pretoria.

Mr Mandela was urged to involve himself in the various disputes and last week had a three-hour meeting with senior police generals. He told them that he believed the police were still conducting a war against the ANC.

After the meeting, however, he said: "We have emerged from the meeting closer to one another. My respect for them has deepened and my suspicions have been addressed."

Renamo accused of plotting to seize Beira after poll setbacks

By Michael Hamlyn

MOZAMBIQUE'S former rebels are preparing to occupy Beira, the country's main port and second city, as well as another town, because they appear to be losing the first democratic elections, a government official said yesterday.

"It seems that demobilised soldiers of Renamo are returning to their bases with arms, while armed groups have been spotted around Nampula," Alfredo Gamito, Governor of the northern Nampula province, said.

Renamo was also planning to occupy Beira, the stronghold of Afonso Dhlakama, leader of the former rebels, sources in the ruling Frelimo alleged. Yesterday Mr Dhlakama rejected allegations that he was preparing to return to war. "It's a disinformation campaign by the Frelimo party," Mr Dhlakama said. "I don't know if (President) Chissano is behind this, but I think Frelimo is afraid because, despite fraud in the elections, Renamo has won a strong position in parliament."

With more than three-quarters of the vote counted, the latest results from the electoral commission put President Chissano at 55 per cent of the vote in the presidential poll, with Mr Dhlakama at 33 per cent.

The commission said yesterday that final results would be announced tomorrow, almost three weeks after the polls opened for three days of voting last month.

Frelimo, which has ruled the country since independence from Portugal in 1975, is leading in parliamentary elections, with 46 per cent of votes against Renamo's 37 per cent.

Colonel Pier Segala, chairman of the United Nations-supervised Ceasefire Commission, said he had had no evidence of troop movements by either side, despite reports of arms caches found in the bush. He also said that Renamo lacked the military capability to fight another war. Colonel Segala said that the demobilisation of about 70,000 men on both sides had been successfully completed.

However, 21 people were killed last week when a police lorry, carrying weapons seized from a suspected Renamo cache, hit a landmine near an area controlled by the former rebels in the centre of the country, according to state radio.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police chief in Japan warns of rising crime

Tokyo: Japan's top police official gave an unprecedented warning yesterday that crime was threatening the "foundation of public order" in the nation, reputedly one of the world's safest countries.

Takaji Kunimatsu delivered the warning in response to a wave of random crime as well as statistics showing armoured car robberies and gun seizures were at record levels. Police believe economic recession, gun smuggling and, ironically, the dwindling power of the Yakuza gangs are behind the violence. *(Reuter)*

Crash report

Peking: Mechanical negligence was blamed for China's worst air disaster, when a China Northwest Airlines plane crashed in June near the city of Xian, killing all 160 people on board. Five mechanics have been charged. *(AFP)*

Aid cut plea

Kigali: Faustin Twagiramungu, the Rwandan Prime Minister, wants the UN and aid agencies to scale down or cut off aid to force an estimated two million mainly Hutu refugees on the Zaire border to return home. *(Reuter)*

Rebel warning

Phnom Penh: The Khmer Rouge warned Westerners, especially citizens of America, France and Australia, not to risk their lives by working in Cambodia. At least 150 foreign private organisations now operate in the country. *(Reuter)*

Tree break

New York: Ethan Frankel, 24, a suicidal young man who jumped off a 17-storey Greenwich Village building, survived after hitting two tree branches before landing on a car, police said. He is in a critical condition in hospital. *(AP)*

Platypus killer

Hobart: A killer fungus is affecting the platypus, one of Australia's best loved but most mysterious animals. So far the fungus, identified in 1972 as *Mucor amphibiorum*, which grows in soil, has only killed stocks in Tasmania. *(Reuter)*





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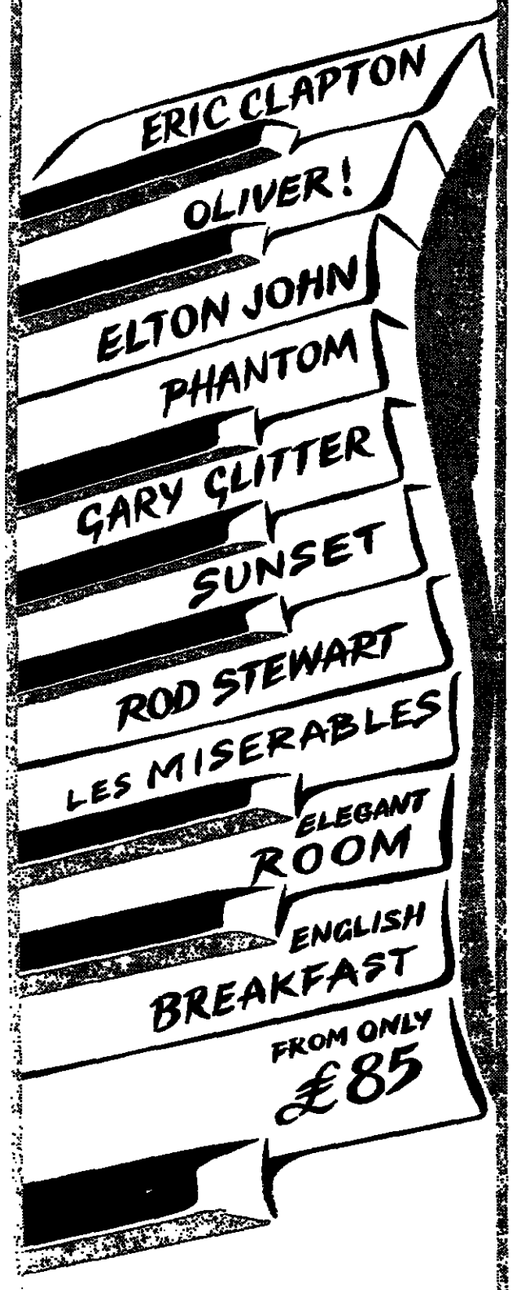
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Many people will happily take a chance on the lottery; the professional gambler seeks higher stakes

Taking a risk with tigers

Getting served in our local shops yesterday took twice as long as usual: they were all clogged up with people I'd never seen before queueing for lottery tickets, dithering over how to fill them in and rustily engaging in that forgotten pastime, neighbourly gossip. Favourite topics for the day appeared to be as follows: domestic animals, one's passion for; gambling, one's hitherto unsuspected passion for; the housekeeping money, and threats to same from the former; and finally, how shocking it is that they're still letting that casino man in Kent keep his zoos open despite all the keepers his tigers have eaten.

The bad-mouthing of John Aspinall seemed a bit hard, to me, since he and the lottery tyros have so much in common. His two great passions in life are also animals and gambling. Naturally, having always had a good deal more housekeeping money to blow, he goes for bigger animals and bigger stakes. That's how gamblers are: when little thrills no longer satisfy, they go for bigger ones. (Guardians of the domestic purse, beware! Who knows what recklessness you may be embarking on? From a Pekinese and a lottery ticket, where next?)

To talk of gambling in the context of Trevor Smith's horrible death in the tiger enclosure at Howletts Zoo is to belittle neither that disaster nor the sincerity of his employer's conservation crusade. The keepers there all stress that they are not required to enter the cages of dangerous animals, but that they choose to do so. No matter how well they know their animals, they also know that every time they cross that threshold they are taking a gamble. And that's how they like to live their lives, with their beloved wild animals and an element of risk. You may see it as a kind of craziness or as a sort of courageous humility.

They and their boss believe in treating their animals as "honoured guests" and in forming respectful, but to my pusillanimous mind terrifyingly close, relationships with them. (You wouldn't catch me in a cage with anything bigger than a llama.) Mr Smith, who was bored to tears with his former humdrum job as a postman, felt so strongly about this that he often said he would leave Howletts if anyone stopped him fraternising with his tigers on their side of the fence.



MARGOT NORMAN

Paradoxically, this approach seems to make the animals go on behaving more like wild animals than the arm's-length-plus-a-long-stick approach of most zoos. Observers such as Dian Fossey, the late gorilla expert, say the inmates of the Aspinall animal houses, are in this respect quite remarkable. They can be released into the wild more readily than animals from other zoos because to all intents and purposes they still are wild.

Animal protection organisations such as Virgina McKenna's Zoocheck are pretty disapproving of most zoos but enthuse about Howletts and Port Lympne. The RSPCA, whose officials contort themselves to see the world through animal eyes, once reported that if you are a tiger or a chimpanzee these establishments are better than the Ritz. If you are a visiting toddler on the other hand, you might feel less enthusiastic: the animals get as much freedom as is legally feasible, but under Aspinall rules small children are clapped into restrictive harnesses before they are allowed on the premises.

These places are not really zoos but menageries in the old tradition of animal collections held by wealthy men. Zoos exist for the entertainment and enlightenment of their visitors. Menageries exist for the enjoyment of their owners and their inmates, and in this case the owner categorically prefers animals to people. He goes on preferring them, despite the fact that he and several members of his family bear many scars from occasions when the animals reciprocated in less loving style. The tiger toothmarks on John Aspinall's neck, and the deep scratches on his wife's arms, are worn with a degree of pride reminiscent of the big-game hunter's attitude to his trophies.

I think it quite likely that in an earlier age, when such animals were plentiful, big-game hunters are exactly what the Aspinalls and many of the keepers in their menageries would have been. Hunters have always been both gamblers and animal-lovers and still are, although I suppose you'd never convince the anti-hunting brigade. These days, the sort of enterprise in which Trevor Smith met his end is one of a limited number of ways in which those driven by such passions may satisfy them. Others of a similar bent have simply taken to racing driving or bungee jumping instead.

By the time I got home with my three tins of Whiskas (but no lottery tickets), I was sure that in the name of freedom to take risks the casino man should be allowed to keep his zoos open. The cat greeted me ecstatically, but then bit me on the ankle when I temporarily mislaid the tin-opener. And do you know, I caught myself cravenly apologising to the impatient creature before reflecting that, for all their faults, even the nastiest people I know have never bitten me.

A big hand for Dora's ladies

A 24-strong Bulgarian female choir, due to tour here, has been creating a stir, reports **Joanna Pitman**

PETER TREVINOR



Members of the Bulgarian State Radio and Television Female Vocal Choir, whose diamond-hard voices "have the impact of a heavy-metal band"

Concert promoters do not normally lunge for the chequebook when offered a booking with a choir of 24 stout Bulgarian dames, most of them on the wrong side of middle age, who sing incomprehensible lyrics in strange nasal harmonics, and who labour under the disastrous name of The Bulgarian State Radio and Television Female Vocal Choir.

But then concert promoters here do not know much about these formidable representatives of Bulgarian womankind, who have toured America to such acclaim that they were invited on to Larry King's show, were unambiguously embraced by the pop-music fraternity, received praise in the press wherever they went, and managed to sell 200,000 copies of an album of folk songs which rejoices in the marginally happier title of *Le Mystère des Voix Bulgares*.

Mysterious indeed. But all is to be revealed as the BSRTFVC tours Britain this week, singing in Cambridge, Bristol, Nottingham and Manchester. On Wednesday night they will be found at the Festival Hall in London, clambering into their multi-coloured, multilayered folk costumes for a final gig.

Stocky grandmothers they may be, but the moment they open their mouths these women have the power to silence even the most audacious sniggerers. The sounds emerge not from the diaphragm, but straight from the throat, with the impact of a heavy-metal band. The BSRTFVC expects to fill the Festival Hall unamplified, and will probably be audible in the Barbican to boot.

Novelty is evidently an element of their popularity, as massed harmonising female voices are seldom found in the pop charts, and music without a pounding beat is rarer still. This lot sing with a fierce concentration, as though undertaking an important state duty with extreme enjoyment. Their songs have clear forceful melodies, and the complexity of their dance rhythms seems to have mesmerised devotees across the United States.

Robert Plant, the Grateful Dead and Ten Thousand Maniacs have used BSRTFVC music on tour as opening material. George Harrison has been photographed hugging members of the choir, and Linda Ronstadt and Jerry Garcia have admitted to being dedicated followers.

With such endorsements from eminent musical personages, and a new album, *Ritual*, to promote, record producers are hoping that the Bulgarians will repeat the unexpected success of the Gregorian chanters and win a berth in the top ten, maybe even a slot on *Top of the Pops*.

Dora Hristova, choir mistress and conductor, is beside herself with excitement at the prospect of a UK tour. "We've been very pleased with our reception in America and

> They silence the most audacious sniggerers

we've just had a few days in Italy. The applause is always fantastic. I am very proud of my choir."

As semi-official emissaries of the state, Dora and her ladies have the equivalent status in Bulgaria of one of our leading orchestras. They live on state pensions — about £33 a month — and in foreign lands have developed an appetite for shopping to rival any member of the Marcos family.

They set off from Sofia over a month ago with knapsacks bulging with tins of pilchards and sacks of dried food. These have provided the daily rations for their eight weeks on tour, so that they can save their substantial daily allowance for higher priority items.

Shoppers in Oxford Street this week may come across a phalanx of apple-cheeked Bulgarians sweeping through the stores, exuberantly snapping up frillies and brightly-coloured acrylics. They have bought neon green and fuchsia, pimento and purple and a conjunction of mandarin orange and crimson. These are not women to let colours scare them. They snap up all the gewgaws that come into their line of vision: sequined jerseys, spangled blouses, and enough gold Lycra to upholster an entire Madonna European tour.

"They each bought half a dozen pairs of shoes in the States. They buy up all the bright, trendy gear they can get their hands on," says Danny Kahn, their tour manager. "They love to do their hair in fancy styles and they make themselves up a lot. It's hard to get bright hair colour and lipsticks where they come from."

Most of the singers were born in rural parts of the country, and were talent-spotted at local singing competitions or in village choirs. Now based in Sofia, these emotive voices from the valleys have won a reputation as "the Welsh of Eastern Europe".

The BSRTFVC has been suddenly catapulted to stardom. "Of course we are recognised in the streets at home. People ask for our autographs now," explains Dora.

Her greatest headache these days is dealing with the long list of applicants for audition and weeding out those who are in it for the shopping opportunities. With their newfound European vogue, their fame will no doubt spread through Eastern Europe — and, with it, word of the wonders of C&A.

A new American film is being marketed on the Internet

Stars back in sci-fi

A PAIR of well-armed space adventurers go barrelling into another galaxy where they discover: 1. a population of slaves labouring under what sounds like a genetic speech impediment but turns out to be an ancient Egyptian language; 2. a nubile maiden in need of saving; and 3. an evil potentate with glowing eyes, ambiguous sexuality and a terrific line in evening gowns.

Many explosions later, they win.

According to conventional Hollywood wisdom the film *Stargate*, starring Kurt Russell, James Spader and Jaye Davidson (late of *The Crying Game*, now the evil sun god, Ra), was headed for a cinematic black hole.

When George Lucas's *Star Wars* epics fell out of fashion in the 1980s, traditional sci-fi appeared doomed. Then real space exploration apparently proved there was not much out there after all, at least nothing you could zap with a ray gun.

But defying the predictions of mere earthlings, *Stargate* became an instant cult film when it was released for Hallowe'en, breaking all records for an autumn release by earning nearly $17 million (£10.7 million) in its first weekend. The film opens in the United Kingdom next month.

What *Dances With Wolves* did for the Western, *Stargate* is now doing for science fiction, breathing new life into a genre whose possibilities appeared all but exhausted.

The approach of the millennium has also helped to stir interest in futuristic fantasy, and a slew of sci-fi is now on the horizon: Sylvester Stallone is due to star in the film of *Judge Dredd*, another version of *Star Wars* is in the works and Marlon Brando is reported to have accepted the lead in a remake of *The Island of Doctor Moreau*.

Next Friday sees the release of *Star Trek: Generations*, the seventh Star Trek movie and perhaps the most enduring proof that there are some things from outer space you just cannot kill. The Trekkie cult, backed by conventions, books, television and film, is plainly immortal.

By contrast, *Stargate* landed without pedigree, television tie-ins, supporting books, top-name stars or even heavy advertising. Instead its makers have relied, appropriately enough, on science and technology to transform a small film into a cult hit. Taking a cue from *Jurassic Park*, the movie uses digital imaging and other computer techniques to create a welter of special effects.



BEN MACINTYRE

But the promoters, in what may be the most significant portent for the industry, have also harnessed new technology to market the film directly to personal computer users. By making a trailer for *Stargate* available on-line and arranging a special tie-in with the information network CompuServe, Gerry Rich, head of MGM/UA marketing, tapped into the very section of the population most likely to repond. "It's a captive audience of 20 million home computer users," Mr Rich told the *Los Angeles Times*.

THE EFFECT was dramatic. Within hours of the film's release, *Stargate* was being avidly discussed on the Internet, as home computer buffs rushed to their bulletin boards to pass comment (usually favourable).

Word of modern, it seems, may be replacing word of mouth as the most reliable way to ensure that a film takes flight, while a new parade of sci-fi heroes prepares to boldly go where others have gone before.

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Ian Robertson meets the man who has adapted Buddhist practices with startling results



Jon Kabat-Zinn: Finding evidence to back his hunch



OSCAR BURRIEL

Buddhist and yogic methods can halve levels of pain and anxiety in patients with illnesses ranging from cancer to diabetes and ulcerative colitis

Peter was in hospital for the first time in his life: the chest pains which had brought him there had been diagnosed as a heart attack, and instead of going back home as he expected, he found himself languishing in the coronary care ward.

It seemed the final straw: even before this his job had been on the line and his marriage on the rocks. Now his mind was a turmoil of fears and regrets. He could concentrate on nothing and his mind just spun like a top. Though he had started an exercise programme under the physiotherapist's supervision, he still could not stop his thoughts racing, and he often built himself up to a full panic, bringing on palpitations and even greater anxiety.

At the University of Massachusetts Hospital and Medical School, people like Peter can learn to build up mental fitness as well as physical stamina following major illness. In the heart of this temple of high-tech medicine, Professor Jon Kabat-Zinn's Stress Reduction Clinic teaches patients how to help their own recovery through ancient meditation practices which he has adapted for use in modern medicine.

A video guiding patients through his methods is played to all wards seven times a day on the hospital television service, a pattern repeated in hundreds of hospitals throughout North America.

"Senior doctors used to talk to me about how there was nothing they could do with 80 per cent of their out-patients who kept coming back with chronic physical problems," Professor Kabat-Zinn says. "So I eventually said to them, 'What about something to mobilise the patients' own resources in parallel with the medical system?' They said great, so I wrote the proposal and the Stress Reduction Clinic started in 1979."

Professor Kabat-Zinn is a scientist and a student of Buddhist thought: he has a PhD in molecular biology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was head of the Cambridge-Harvard Zen Center in the Seventies. He believed that Buddhist and yogic practices of mental training could be applied to healthcare, and 20 years later he has produced the scientific evidence to back up this hunch. He has published articles in top American medical journals showing how methods of meditation and yoga can produce a long-lasting reduction in chronic pain and stress in severely physically ill patients.

His patients have been sick for an average of seven years when he sees them, and half of them show a greater than 50 per cent reduction in their pain as a result of the training. Levels of depression and anxiety are also more than halved. Their illnesses range from heart disease to cancer, and from diabetes to ulcerative colitis.

Recently, Professor Kabat-Zinn has shown how simple meditation instructions played to patients receiving treatment for psoriasis in an ultra-violet light booth produce a much more effective clearing of the skin condition than the treatment with no meditation instructions.

"Patients who come to hospital are under huge stress, which compounds their illness," the professor says. "Often they will panic and run to the hospital when they notice some change in their condition. This is a big burden on medical staff. We teach these people to develop an intimacy and familiarity with their own bodies and minds. This leads to a greater confidence to learn from their symptoms and to begin to self-regulate them."

> 'Anxiety and depression have been halved'

This familiarity is fostered by methods of yoga and by "mindfulness" meditation training. To be "mindful" means cultivating the ability to attend to the moment rather than dwelling in the past or anticipating the future. It means pulling back one's attention from the thought or emotion to a simple detached awareness of the moment. The procedure is devoid of any religious or mystical overtones. In practical terms, it begins with learning to focus attention on the breath and bring back attention to the breathing when it wanders; Professor Kabat-Zinn has produced audio and videotapes of his methods. He also uses some standard yoga procedures.

"I am not a Buddhist," he says. "I am a student of Buddhist teaching. I'm trying to develop a vocabulary of meditation which makes sense to my patients. My question for people is simply: 'How awake are you for your life?' It has nothing to do with Buddhism."

In his recently published book *Mindfulness Meditation for Everyday Life*, he presents an elegant and lucid case for mindfulness practices to become accepted as being as important for normal well-being as are physical exercise or a low-fat diet.

In this country I and my colleagues at the MRC Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge have been funded by the Stroke Association to study whether mindfulness training methods can help stroke victims to recover. We find that these mainly elderly patients take to the training with great enthusiasm. Early next year we plan to carry out a large government-funded study of these methods in London, with head-injured people who show serious concentration difficulties.

"You know, this was once radical, now it's mainstream," Professor Kabat-Zinn says. "There are now more than 40 eight-week outpatient stress reduction programmes in the States which we have spawned — and it's mostly mainstream physicians who are pushing for their introduction." Some of America's most eminent young physicians have now been through his training programme.

The 8th-century Indian sage Padmasambhava made a prophecy to the effect: "When the iron eagle flies and horses run on wheels, the Tibetan people will be scattered over the earth and the *dhamma* [Buddhist teaching] will go to the land of the red man [the West]." It has certainly arrived squarely at the heart of America's medical care system — not as yet another fad, but as a scientifically validated approach to ill-health which may prove as revolutionary as the discovery of penicillin.

● Mindfulness Meditation for Everyday Life *is published by Piatkus (£8.99). The mindfulness training tapes are available from an order form in Professor Kabat-Zinn's book.*

Natural and green doesn't mean safe

Herbal medicines may be legal but they still should be treated with caution. **Jeremy Laurance** reports

Swallowers of ginseng and drinkers of feverfew can relax. Herbal remedies have been saved. A threat by the Department of Health to implement a ruling of the European Commission that would have outlawed most herbal medicines sold in Britain was suddenly lifted last week.

But are herbal remedies safe to take? The health department's decision means we have no means of knowing. Some have powerful effects and have caused serious reactions and even deaths. Yet their production and sale will now continue unimpeded.

The ruling by the EC, which takes effect from January, would have put herbal remedies on the same footing as all pharmaceutical drugs, requiring manufacturers to obtain product licences issued by the Medicines Control Agency after production of detailed evidence on safety and efficacy. The licences cost £84,000 each, plus the cost of running the necessary trials, and herbal manufacturers warned they would be driven out of business.



Sales of herbal remedies have risen 70 per cent

After a change of heart by health ministers, no doubt mindful of the one in four of the population who say they have consulted an alternative practitioner, legal advisers at the health department found a way round the ruling, which referred only to products which are "industrially produced". The Government announced last Friday that it had decided that herbal products were made by traditional, not industrial, processes.

By this sleight of hand, herbal manufacturers have been set free to cash in on the booming demand for their products. Sales of herbal medicines have grown by 70 per cent over the past five years, faster than in any other European country, and are set to continue rising, according to a study by the market research group, Datamonitor.

Herbal medicines are regarded as kinder and more natural than orthodox drugs and appeal to those who take a holistic view of health. The rapid growth is attributed to increasing disenchantment with orthodox medicine. Most users are the "worried well" — female, middle-aged and middle-class — compared with the typical GP's patients who are very young or very old and working class.

However, the chemical constituents of herbal remedies can be as powerful as pharmaceutical drugs. A series of case reports in the medical journals have highlighted the risks. A study in *The Lancet* described 33 women who suffered total kidney failure and required dialysis or transplantation after taking a slimming treatment in Belgium that contained Chinese herbs.

The National Poisons Unit at Guy's Hospital, London, which is monitoring cases of poisoning with Chinese herbs, recorded the death of a 28-year-old woman from acute liver failure after taking a herbal mixture for eczema. Further cases have since come to light, according to the unit, which is to publish its findings.

Dr Simon Wesseley, consultant psychiatrist at the Maudsley hospital, London, says: "Herbal remedies are often taken for anxiety and depression and many have been shown to act directly on the same receptors in the brain which are targeted by Valium. We should stop pretending that these remedies are a different category of compound from pharmaceutical drugs. Being green and natural doesn't make them safe."

Herbal manufacturers say it would be uneconomic to run trials of their products because they cannot patent them and recover the costs. Feverfew, for example, a remedy for migraine, grows wild and can be cultivated by anyone.

However, Dr Wesseley, who is studying the frequency with which herbal remedies are used by psychiatric patients, believes the work should be done by academic departments. "The health department is making an exception for herbal medicines and I don't see why an exception should be made. If they work, they must be drugs and if they are drugs, they must have side effects. The drug that has no side effects doesn't exist."

TOMORROW

Fashion: Iain R. Webb on how this year's top student found success

Cure that inflames opinion

Should everyone with a sore throat be given antibiotics?

Dr Kieran Sweeney reports

IT SEEMS a simple enough question: if you have a sore throat, should you take a course of antibiotics? But, despite all the advances in medicine, we still don't know the answer. And it isn't simply an academic argument. Huge amounts of money are spent each year on antibiotics for sore throats — some say unnecessarily. On the other hand, there are serious illnesses which can follow untreated bacterial infections of the throat, such as sinusitis, rheumatic fever, and glomerulonephritis, a form of kidney inflammation. What does the current evidence tell us?

Every medical student knows that rheumatic fever often follows a streptococcal throat infection, but the evidence which supports the association is old, coming from observations on soldiers during the Second World War. In fact, the prevalence of rheumatic fever has been falling sharply in developing countries since the turn of the century — long before antibiotics were discovered. Glomerulonephritis following bacterial throat infections is very rare: a GP has a one in five chance of ever seeing either of these conditions in a lifetime's practice.

Sinus and ear infections also occur, but it is not clear that treating the sore throat with antibiotics will stop these complications occurring. Anyway, most patients with a sore throat never see their doctor.

On the other hand, half the swabs taken from patients' inflamed throats will show bacterial contamination, so it is not unreasonable to consider treatment with antibiotics although the presence of the bacteria doesn't necessarily mean that it caused the infection. And just because complications such as rheumatic fever are rare doesn't mean we shouldn't treat the precipitating cause, especially when the treatment is cheap and safe, like penicillin.

Having a sore throat is unpleasant, and several studies have shown that the duration of symptoms can be shortened by up to two days if antibiotics are used. People often go to their doctor specifically for antibiotics on the grounds that the last time they had a sore throat the treatment worked.

MANY doctors prescribe for "social" reasons — for example, when a family is about to go on holiday, and one of the children gets a bad throat, or when a student is about to take an important exam. In these cases, it is probably more important to maintain good relationships by giving patients what they want.

But, once again, the gold standard of evidence — the randomised controlled trial looking at whether routine use of antibiotics saves time off school or work — is lacking. Should patients with sore throats be given antibiotics routinely? The answer is we don't know.

● *The author is a GP in Exeter.*

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Scotland's experience shows that, with care, trials on television need not be trials by television, writes **Magnus Linklater**

Court on camera: justice done

Televised justice comes to our living-rooms this Friday, with the screening of a Scottish murder trial on BBC 2 and a five-part series which takes the viewer to the heart of the legal system — on camera. The result is high drama. Anyone who thought this would be a dreary chronicle of courtroom procedure, hedged around by legal restrictions, is proved wrong. Watching the face of the accused as the jury's verdict is pronounced renders the Perry Mason version of justice irrelevant. This is for real.

The first surprise is the latitude allowed to the television cameras. Their positions are fixed, but they are allowed to play on the faces of advocates, witnesses, the judge, and above all the man in the dock, as evidence is examined and the case builds up. Outside, the defence counsel, Gordon Jackson QC, is interviewed about the line he is taking and and how he feels the case is going. Conversations between the man accused of murder, Andy Deacons, and his solicitor, Callum Ross, are filmed as they wait for the verdict. We are even allowed to go back to the jail where Deacons changes out of his courtroom clothes into prison dress.

The high point is undoubtedly the summing-up speech that Jackson makes on behalf of his client. This 1993 case, known at the time as the Loan Path murder, hinged largely on a watch, found beside the body of a man who had been battered to death on a footpath in the West Lothian town of Livingston. It was the only concrete evidence linking Deacons to the scene of the crime, and Jackson is scathing as he dissects the Crown's reliance upon it.

This is a Rumpole in the making, with his scratchy wig tilted uneasily over lugubrious features, only the eyes registering disbelief or resignation as a point is scored for the prosecution.

Even if the watch belonged to Deacons, asks Jackson, what does that prove? He ponders the point, bar-room style. "So he was there — maybe. So he saw what happened — maybe. *So he stopped other* people doing it and won't tell us — maybe. I'm making it up as I go along, I make no bones about that. My theory is as good as anyone's. But . . ." suddenly he turns serious, "we're talking about proving a person committed a murder. It is some huge jump, that."

I won't divulge the result, though since the case has been disposed of, it is by now well-known in Scotland. But as we follow Deacons down the corridor to hear his fate at the hands of the jury, the tension is enormous. It seemed to me that despite the inevitable editing process, which has reduced a four-day trial to three-quarters of an hour of television, the balance of evidence has been fairly presented. The trial judge, Lord Stephenson, has pronounced himself happy with it, *and Jackson says he would be* prepared to do it again. Nick Catliff, the BBC producer, who spent more than two years on this project, is pleased with what has been achieved.

Above all, the man whose decision set this whole process in train, is "reassured" by what he has seen. Lord Hope, who as Lord President and Lord Justice General in Scotland began exploring the possibility of allowing cameras into court some five years ago, believes the rules he drew up have worked. This was a decision that could not have been taken in England, where cameras are specifically banned by statute under the 1925 Criminal Justice Act. There is no such restriction under Scotland's separate system. Lord Hope, realising that televised justice was *inevitable sooner or later, decided to* start drawing up guidelines which would allow proceedings to be filmed but would still, in his words, "preserve the interests of justice".

He was helped by the intimacy of Scotland's justice system. Most people around the Court of Session know each other fairly well. A few discreet meetings here and there established that Hope's fellow judges were mainly in favour of the idea. Rules were discussed, refined and then incorporated into the *Lord* President's published volume of "practices". Thereafter it was up to the trial judge to ensure that the presence of cameras did not interfere with the smooth running of the court. A BBC Scotland documentary made the first breakthrough, with the filming of a sheriff court trial of a man *accused of stealing a bus. But this is* the first televised high court case, and the first for murder.

The conditions were tough: live filming is not (and, if Lord Hope has anything to do with it, never will be) allowed. Witnesses must give their approval, and are allowed a 24-hour "cooling off" period, during which they can change their minds. All 15 members of the jury must agree to be filmed if the cameras are to show their faces. In the Deacons case, this permission was withheld.

Finally, the presiding judge must be allowed to see and approve the finished product. This was a hard concession for the BBC to make, but in the end it has turned out well. Lord Hope himself made several alterations, all in the interest of explaining procedures to the viewer.

The result is a good example of co-operation between an enlightened system and a sensible television team. Each side seems to have appreciated the other's position. As Lord Hope said: "It would be no good allowing proceedings to be filmed if nobody wanted to see the result." Equally, Catliff, though he has had many frustrations because of the guidelines, concedes that in Lord Hope's position he would probably have done the same.

Only the accused, Andy Deacons, has expressed some misgivings in retrospect. But the reasons for that will only become apparent as the denouement of Friday's programme emerges.

German has a word for it

Brecht was not just lying — he was stealing other people's lies



Bernard Levin

I don't care much for people who, when writing their *Who's Who* entry, come to the section for "recreations" and put funny things (well, *they* think they are funny, though nobody else does). But my resolve wavers very slightly each year, when I receive the form, and I am tempted yet again. I do not succumb, but if I did, I know what I would write as my favourite recreation: *Schadenfreude*.

The German-English dictionary gives "malicious pleasure, gloating"; that will do, but it doesn't really take in the nuances of that wicked but delightful word. I say delightful, but I would not wish you to think that I spend my leisure hours waiting for stout gentlemen with immaculately *brushed top hats to step on* banana skins and fall over. I can, just about encompass in my *Schadenfreude* such matters as the catching out of riff-raff such as politicians caught in some scam, or puffed-up layers-down of the law who are found to have been fiddling their income-tax for years, or the paterfamilias who rules the household fiercely while regularly slipping out to visit one or several of his doxies, and all other such hypocrites; contemplating such riff-raff, I say rot them. But in any case, I have far more solid business for my *Schadenfreude*.

When I learned that at Tito's death in 1980 an inventory of his personal belongings had been taken, I was intrigued to find that it included, *inter alia*, cars, motor-boats, horses, yachts, jewellery, paintings, a score of villas, orchards, a safari park and vineyards. Ah, socialism, that leveller of men! The magic word that makes men equal! The cry that brings millions to shoulder the burdens! The heroes who think nothing of going barefoot and ragged in the cause!

Except, of course, the boss. (I forget how many concubines Mao Tse-tung got through in a month, and nobody could have counted the Western delicacies which so pleased his palate, if only because anyone who counted them would have been behind barbed-wire the same day, and beheaded the next.)

Do you remember Bertolt Brecht? He is a forgotten figure, I am glad to say, but from time to time one of his plays is put on in London with little success. (Though no doubt Michael Billington can still find profound meanings in them.) When I was first a theatre critic, Brecht was all the rage in the theatre, and I blush to remember that even I was taken in — taken in, that is, by some of the plays (one or two were actually good). But he was hailed, not only as one of the greatest playwrights in history, but as the avatar of glorious communism: he died not long before his company had come to London, and only three years after the death of Stalin. Those *were* the days!

Didactic art has to be handled *with care; one season's* masterpieces demonstrating the wickedness of capitalism tend to disappear the next time round. Indeed, the Fifties and the Sixties were awash with such stuff, and it went on even longer and deeper; do you remember Livingstone's rule over London? The GLC barred musicians from the South Bank concert halls for political reasons, and mounted a giant exhibition of Stalinism in the Festival Hall; when someone offered, at no cost to the hall, to show a contrary version of the Soviet paradise, it was refused, and it was made clear that no serious or general criticism of the Soviet Union would be permitted on GLC premises. No wonder I was proud to coin the term "fascist Left". (Incidentally, has Livingstone ever apologised?)

Now what is all this chatter about, and where does *Schadenfreude* come in, or Bertolt Brecht, let alone Ken Livingstone?

The story comes in with a book, published by HarperCollins, robustly entitled *The Life and Lies of Bertolt Brecht*: the title leaves little to the imagination, and although the book has been criticised for over-doing the awfulness of Brecht, there is quite enough left over to hang him high: Brecht, the mighty genius of theatre, the man who invented true drama, the man who was saluted as the world's greatest playwright, the communist, realist, atheist — yea, Stalinist — was a plagiarist, a thief of others' work, a fraud ten times over and in a variety of capacities.

We learn that Brecht, with *The Threepenny Opera*, which really made him, took full credit for it, though only some 5 per cent of it was his own work. He didn't even think of the title, and when Professor Fuegi, author of the debunking book, was asked whether Brecht wrote *any* major play unaided, the professor said: "The answer is no."

But there is better to come, and wonderful stuff it is. For instance, Brecht was skilful at

> making contracts which excluded his collaborators from payments or shares in the royalties . . . Meanwhile, he became extremely rich, hiding *his foreign royalties in* Swiss bank accounts while living very comfortably as a member of the "priviligentsia" in communist East Germany . . . he had been a millionaire . . . the clothes that made him look poor had been expensively tailored to obtain that special down-at-heel Brechtian look. At the time of his death in 1956 he was preparing to buy himself a house in Switzerland . . .

Tito, Brezhnev, Mao, Brecht and a good many more; true, Brecht did not rule a country (though, if he had, he would have passed the actual work to his poorly-paid underlings and taken the credit), but that is not the point. The point is the one that I have again and again dinned into ear after ear, and is to be found originally in the Prayer Book: "O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them." Too true, too true; but even the Prayer Book understates the problem. It is not that there is no help in princes nor in any child of man: it is that the princes and such *are* the problem. Tito, Brezhnev, Mao, Brecht and the rest — they knew that their faraway bank accounts were safe, and that at home among their crates of champagne and their whores no one would dare to point a finger.

But that, of course, leaves another and larger problem: it is the *Schadenfreude* and the suckers who did put their trust in princes. It wasn't just a matter of denying that Brecht smoked the finest (and biggest) Havanas: they would have found excuses. (It's his bad throat, you know.) It was *they* who had been had, and as the realisation sank in, a darker shadow creeps over the story: *they* knew, almost all of them, that Brecht was rubbish, and the boosting of him thrice rubbish.

Even that could be borne, but what they truly believed, deep down, was that those who ruled the Evil Empire were right. Right, that is, not only about left-wing literature, but the whole panoply of Soviet evil.

Thinking of it, a tiny — almost invisible — memory steals into my mind. Some time around 1960 I visited the Soviet Union, and saw the dreadful truth. (I was thereafter banned from the Empire for 30 years, but that is another story.) I came home and wrote about what I had seen, and I painted it as dark as it truly was. There was then — he is long dead — a Roman Catholic priest who was at the same time (don't ask me how) a regular journalist. He was notoriously left-wing, but I never knew just how left-wing until he sent a letter, for publication, in reply to my article, in which he said of my criticism of the Soviet Union that he could not make up his mind whether Mr Levin was a fool or a knave, and concluded that I was both.

What did the Tito-lovers think when they saw the inventory of the man who was supposed to be *sans peur et sans reproche* and found that the ascetic iron man had acquired (stolen, to use a slightly shorter word) cars, paintings, motor-boats, horses, yachts, jewellery, villas, orchards, a safari park, vineyards — and women of course? I cannot say, but I can speak for myself, and the words I speak all turn into one: *Schadenfreude*. Of course, the people who suffered under Tito's monumentally sybaritic rule knew very well how he lived and thieved and swindled, though they had enough sense not to mention it in public. But one of these days I shall write a book called *From Daily Worker to Morning Star and Back Again Not Least with Your Memories of Khrushchev and How do you Like it Now to Say Nothing of What do you do with your Time?*

Useful stuff, this *Schadenfreude*; what would we do without it? Why, put it away until it is needed again. It will be, you'll see.

Woodrow Wyatt offers Lord Nolan a few pointers

Cleaning up public life

On October 25, John Major set up a committee to examine standards in public life. He asked for a first report "covering the main areas of current concern" within six months. Thereafter the committee will remain "as a standing body to advise the government of the day". All can make submissions to the chairman, Lord Nolan, Cabinet Office, 70 Whitehall. Here is mine.

First, abolish the Commons register of members' interests. Generally, standards were higher when MPs were on their honour to declare any interest they might have when raising a matter in the Commons or writing to a minister. There will always be those who are dishonourable and no amount of regulations will make them honourable. For them, a register offers a cloak of respectability.

Second, make firms of parliamentary lobbyists illegal. In 1990 Ian Greer admitted paying select committee members for asking questions and securing introductions to ministers. If a person or a company seeks to influence Parliament in a worthy cause, numerous MPs will gladly help for nothing in the public interest.

The rise of professional lobbyists did much to corrupt both houses of the American Congress. The answer is not to pay MPs more, because the malefactors will become yet more greedy. Nor would it be sensible to prevent MPs having outside financial interests. Living solely in the hothouse of Westminster and otherwise talking mainly to party activists gives a distorted view of life in the practical world.

Third, members of the Nolan Committee should make a thorough study of the 1990 report of the investigation into House of Fraser Holdings by Henry Brooke, QC, and Hugh Graham Cazalet Aldous, FCA, the inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. There are to be found tales of the corruption of minds by honeyed, unverified words and a strange willingness of many on high to be gullible. The neglect of professional standards in the media, compromised by presents and hospitality, was singularly culpable. Edmund Burke referred to the fourth estate as "more important than them all". He meant that, through what they wrote and said, they had more influence on people's thinking than the other three estates: the Lords spiritual, the Lords temporal and the Commons.

Our free press and media are vital elements in the exposure of corruption and wrongdoing. But, in turn, they have a duty to report responsibly and fairly. The DTI Inspectors' report was emphatic that much of the press and media had not done so in connection with the Fayed brothers' affairs. "Mohamed Fayed was telling lies about himself and his family to representatives of the Press, and once those stories were on a cuttings file or in a press cuttings library they grew and multiplied without much further inquiry into their accuracy . . . Mohamed Fayed [succeeded] in "gagging" the Press . . ." A similar situation arose over Robert Maxwell, who was also condemned by a DTI report, and who stole £440 million from Mirror Group pensioners. Afraid of Mr Maxwell, few in the media dared to comment, though they knew what was going on.

MPs, local government councillors and others in official positions have to declare their interests. Members of the media should be obliged to do the same. For example, they should state whether they, their editors or principal shareholders have received hospitality or gifts from the person whose affairs they are discussing or reporting. This would prevent much misleading information being circulated as though it had been impartially assembled.

Fourth, I hope the committee will record that despite current concerns, the standards of conduct in British public life are remarkably high by international standards. The very fact that public opinion in Britain is roused to near hysteria by a hint of corruption is proof that there is not much of it. But there is a *danger that unfounded* accusations will gain credence in the present atmosphere. There were grains of truth in many of the McCarthyite witch-hunts; but mostly the charges were like those pressed against witchcraft in Salem in the 1690s, when many reputations were irremediably harmed and many innocents were killed.

Who's cooking?

IT'S NOT easy being a chef when you just don't know when a former President of the United States might drop by to seek advice on intricate culinary matters. Staff slaving over stoves at Manchester's Jarvis Piccadilly Hotel on Sunday night were astonished when George Bush, with wife Barbara in tow, wandered into the kitchen.

Bush took the rainy city by surprise when he flew in on his own jet for a low-profile stopover at the end of a private European tour around Portugal, Albania and Italy. Amid tight security, he attended a 600-seat fundraising dinner held by the Joint Israel Appeal, which raises money for charities working in the fields of education, health and immigration.

As Bush jetted back to Texas yesterday, his hosts continued to veil the whole affair in secrecy, but I gather that after a four-course kosher dinner, including salmon and chicken, Bush reminisced about his time in the White House and US-Israel relations.

Then, clearly intrigued by the subtleties of kosher cooking, he dragged Barbara, herself a formidable cook, into the kitchens. "A few jaws dropped when they came in," admits one member of staff. "There were security agents everywhere, but he just came in and started chatting away — he was a very nice chap, very relaxed. It's a big hotel and we do get some famous people, but not usually so big. So we gave him one of our nicest suites on the 14th floor."

● *Keen to cut down on student drinking, but cocking a snoop at Virginia Bottomley's guidelines on healthy eating, the junior common room wags at Christ Church, Oxford, have elected a Cake Rep dedicated to "promoting cake as a clean and healthy alternative to alcohol".*



Tongue tied

OUR NEW Euro Commissioner, Neil Kinnock, is to take French lessons *before taking on the transport* portfolio. The Foreign Office, I hear, has offered the former Labour leader a special tutor to speed up the learning process.

For despite a spot of help from his linguist son, Stephen, Kinnock is said by my FO source to be in the early stages. "He will need more than schoolroom French", my man warns, "because the job will entail very complex language."

Not stumped

CONGRATULATIONS TO Harold Larwood, who celebrated his 90th birthday at home in Sydney yesterday. When I spoke to the legendary fast bowler to wish him many happy returns, he said that while virtually blind he still has something to offer the England attack.

Keen, young quick bowlers regularly beat a path to his door, and the MCC's current great hope, Darren Gough, is booked in for a pep talk when the team are in Sydney later in the tour.

The man who terrified Bradman and company on the "Bodyline" tour 60 years ago insists there is no need to bowl dangerously. "I didn't actually hit many — only three in my entire career." He adds a tip for *keeping fit. "I go to bed at 5.30* every night."

Unrelenting

POOR Sir Michael Rose, Commander of the United Nations forces in Bosnia, thought he could escape the traumas of the troubled region for a few days by returning to Britain. As he has been forced to cancel his family Christmas, he is popping back to give a university lecture.

But coincidentally the Bosnian Prime Minister, Haris Silajdzic, has also picked this week to come to harry Douglas Hurd and Malcolm Rifkind about lifting the arms embargo. "We're trying to make sure the two are in different parts of the country," sighs a diplomatic aide.

And the subject of our SAS hero's lecture? "*Leadership and Crisis*".

● *A supremely auspicious start to the National Lottery for Charles Saatchi, a director of the PR firm which helped organise the campaign. His wife Kay gave birth to a baby girl yesterday at St Thomas's.*

Plotters' plot

THE IDEAL property, possibly, *for any right-wingers contemplating* a challenge to our PM: the gatehouse on the Catesby estate in Ashby St Ledgers in Northamptonshire, where the 1605 conspirators met to plan the Gunpowder Plot — for sale at £2 million.

The property belonged to Robert Catesby, a devout Roman Catholic who was determined to blow up King James I in the Houses of Parliament. After the inept Guy Fawkes botched the attempt, Catesby and the rest of the conspirators fled home to the estate, which has since received the Lutyens treatment. Covering 32 acres, the site is perfect for a fireworks display, say agents Lane Fox. "You get a lot of *history for your money.*"





Joseph may be lucky, but Anne Boleyn found her number was up

Better luck

ESSEX WOMEN definitely have the edge. For, needless to say, Chigwell man-eater Dorien believes she's already worked out a "magic" formula for the National Lottery. Within the bowels of the Tower of London for yesterday's breakfast launch, *Birds of a Feather* actress Lesley Joseph was intoning: "1, 8, 16, 32, 40, 48 . . ."

Unlike John Major, who opted for 29, 3, 43, 13, 11, 10, (his birthdate followed by 13 plus his past and present addresses), Dorien insists there's a method behind her formula. However, amid the shadows of Anne Boleyn and others who met their fate in the Tower, both shivered in the cold, windy dawn. "Early? Not at all," insists the stalwart Dorien. "There's a real sense of history coming through Traitor's Gate before dawn."

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DUBLIN'S DUTY

Reynolds and Spring must resolve their differences

Eleven months after the Downing Street declaration, the Anglo-Irish peace process is in trouble. It is unexpected that the first major threat to the negotiations should come from Dublin rather than the IRA strongholds of the North. Many thought that the process would be thwarted by rifts within the republican movement; few predicted that it would be jeopardised by tensions within the Fianna Fail-Labour coalition which has governed the South for 22 months.

The public disagreement between the Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, and his Labour deputy, Dick Spring, over the appointment of Harry Whelehan as president of the Irish High Court jars with the statesmanlike image which the coalition partners have cultivated in recent months. Mr Reynolds has launched his National Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, while Mr Spring has been an increasingly confident player on the international stage, not least in his negotiations with President Clinton. On the future of the North, they have spoken as one since the declaration was signed.

Against this background of calm political resolve, it is easy to forget the fragility of the pact forged between the two men early last year. Mr Reynolds forced an election in November 1992 after accusing his Progressive Democrat coalition partner of dishonesty. The "Albert factor" was expected to sink Fianna Fail's fortunes and usher in a "rainbow" partnership of Mr Spring's modernised Labour Party, the PDs and John Bruton's Fine Gael. Unexpectedly, Mr Reynolds salvaged a nervous alliance with Labour after Fianna Fail achieved its worst electoral result since 1927. The coalition took weeks to stitch together. Its contradictions have not been resolved in the last two years.

This has become dramatically clear in the row over Mr Whelehan's appointment. Specific questions have been raised about his handling as Attorney-General of an extradition case involving a Catholic priest who was later jailed for child sex abuse offences. But it is obvious that the problems within the coalition extend far beyond this particular case. The credibility of the Irish Government is at its lowest ebb since the last coalition disintegrated in 1992.

The stakes are far higher than they were then. Voters have grown accustomed to the factionalism of coalition politics. But too much depends on the survival of this government for the Irish to accept this bout of squabbling as more of the same. The foundations of the Anglo-Irish peace process are personal contacts rather than abstract principles. The republican movement has developed strong links within the coalition government; Mr Reynolds has an easy understanding with John Major, who last night announced exploratory talks with Loyalist paramilitary groups; Mr Spring has inspired respect in the diplomatic community. Future trust depends on a small group of key individuals staying where they are.

To argue that Mr Bruton should now become Taoiseach is to miss the point. Mr Bruton might have been a better choice than Mr Reynolds in 1992. But much has happened since then to make Mr Reynolds's survival desirable, if not essential. Mr Whelehan could ease the process of reconciliation by stepping aside. But it is for the Taoiseach and Mr Spring themselves to decide where their priorities lie and whether the peace process is worth sacrificing to the spirit of faction. Their decisions will determine the judgment of posterity.

FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANITY

Everybody ought to support the Red Cross anniversary appeal

The Red Cross is the world's oldest, most revered and arguably most effective international humanitarian agency. Founded in 1863 by Henri Dunant, an itinerant Geneva trader who witnessed the horrific casualties at the battle of Solferino, the Swiss-based organisation has mobilised the idealism and altruism of thousands of volunteers around the globe into saving the lives of millions.

Next year the British Red Cross Society celebrates its 125th anniversary. Continuing the energetic support Britain's royal family has given to the Red Cross, the Princess of Wales yesterday announced that she has agreed to be patron of the anniversary appeal. *The Times* will make that appeal the sole focus of our fund-raising this Christmas. It was a letter to *The Times* by Colonel Robert Loyd Lindsay, VC, in 1870 that led to the establishment of the national society, and between 1914 and 1918 this newspaper administered the Red Cross appeal that raised some £22 million, making it the most successful appeal yet launched.

It is not only the calendar that has kept the Red Cross in the news, however. Sadly, its basic humanitarian functions are as urgently needed as they were when Henri Dunant organised local volunteers to fetch water, bind the wounds and convey the dying messages of the 38,000 casualties of the 15-hour battle in 1859 during the French and Sardinian Campaign. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the privately run and Swiss directed parent body, has been in the forefront of the effort to relieve the suffering during the flight of the Kurds, the war in Bosnia, the famine in Sudan, the genocide in Rwanda and more than a dozen other regional conflicts now taking their grisly toll. The work is as dangerous as ever: Red Cross relief planes have been shot down in Somalia and blown up in Sudan; this year an Icelandic volunteer was killed in Afghanistan, 12 officials were murdered in Rwanda and others have been threatened with beatings, imprisonment and death.

Since its foundation, the Red Cross has had to tread into a moral minefield. It regards itself as neutral in politics, religion and ideology, and insists that to be effective it must eschew all public judgment. To gain access to the camps and charnel houses where millions of prisoners of war and ethnic cleansing are held in brutal conditions, it must negotiate, in confidence and silence, with the very jailers whose inhumanity demands public exposure. After the Second World War, the Red Cross, which delivered millions of parcels to those starving in German prisoner-of-war camps, was pilloried for not speaking out more forcefully on the atrocities it learnt about in the extermination camps, where it was denied access. The same accusation arose again in 1992 after the horror of the camps in Bosnia was revealed.

Yet the force of the ICRC's counter-argument is as persuasive now as ever: it can only act by persuasion and consent. It is for others to take political or military action against the perpetrators of evil; and it is for other relief agencies to lobby against abuse. The Red Cross is the self-appointed upholder of the Geneva Conventions, which themselves can only be effective if observed by all combatants. It is not a role for the morally squeamish or those who would trumpet principle above practicalities. But for the millions who have been fed and tended even in the depths of oppression, the Red Cross has been and is a lifeline.

WHERE THE BUCK STOPS

Even monastic tonic should come with a mild spiritual warning



Helen Liddell, John Smith's successor as Labour MP for Monklands East, went to Buckfast Abbey yesterday to complain about the wine. Her complaint is that Buckfast tonic wine, fortified by the monks according to their secret recipe, comes too strong and too cheap. She claims that it is causing teenage alcoholism in her constituency, which already has its local problems of corruption and sectarianism. The monks replied that their potent brew was simply "a drop in the ocean" compared with the other alcohol consumed in Scotland, and that even if it were withdrawn from the market its drinkers would find something else.

The young drinkers of Lanarkshire call the mixture "Buckie" or "a bottle of 30 days", because that is what the sheriff is likely to give them in Barlinnie after they have smashed a shop window under its influence. Mrs Liddell wants the monks to reduce the potency of their wine from 15 per cent alcohol and to increase the price (about £5 a bottle). If they refuse, she will write to the Vatican.

Borgia popes served wine that gave their guests a worse hangover than Buckfast. But the morality of alcohol is a particular problem for northerners. From Glasgow to Moscow, getting drunk as quickly and economically as possible is a melancholy macho tradition. And there is a polar duality in the Scottish character between drunkenness and pious disgust at the demon drink. Rab C. Nesbitt, the television caricature of the scandalous Scot, went so far as to set one of his skits in Buckfast Abbey.

The monks singing *Carmina Burana* and the legend of Friar Tuck are just two ringleaders in a rout of unsteady witnesses. Some monks have always treated alcohol as a familiar friend, and monks have been expert at brewing, fermenting and distilling since the first monasteries were founded. Drinks to make glad the heart of man — from Champagne to Chartreuse — were monkish inventions. The Bible has more to say in praise of wine than in proscription. Drunkenness has no separate entry as a deadly sin, but is subsumed under gluttony.

To attack the monks of Buckfast Abbey for creating young drunkards is to blame the brewer instead of the drinker. Drunkenness has always been a wicked waste, and it can be a tragedy. That is not the fault of the monks. But if it is true that four-fifths of the sales of Buckfast tonic wine are in central Scotland, the monks should consider adapting their product for their principal market. They have already fixed a disclaimer to their bottles about the oxymoron of "tonic wine", explaining for those tempted by a small glass for purely medicinal purposes that it does nothing for their health.

Dom Perignon might have disapproved of plastic bottles, though he was a famously innovative monk. But plastic would reduce the public danger of broken glass in the streets. Since their wine is in danger of becoming a public scandal, the monks should consider watering down their secret formula, however much this offends tradition. Their tradition is less than a century old, and performed with wine imported from France. Wine is naturally a good thing, spoiled by misuse. Drunkenness can be partly controlled by law, bylaw, education exhortation. But the merry monks of Buckfast Abbey should do their bit to help.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Charity agencies defend role in world trouble-spots

From the Director, International Division, Actionaid

Sir, The lesson to be learnt from Rwanda, Somalia and Bosnia ("Fanning the flames of war", Simon Jenkins, November 9) is not that intervention is always wrong, but that its precise timing and mandate are of the utmost importance.

In April, instead of taking action to halt the killings in Rwanda, the UN force there was cut from 1,700 to 270 troops. The following month, with massacres occurring throughout the country, a Security Council resolution demanded the dispatch of 5,500 troops. By mid-June, however, none had arrived — providing the grounds for action by France alone. The massacres continued and the refugee crisis evolved.

Now, as the security situation in the refugee camps deteriorates, UN intervention is once more required; the necessity for action is beyond question. However, it is vital that any action taken is both immediate and appropriate. Intervention must follow a strict humanitarian mandate — ensuring the equitable distribution of relief and protection of refugees and aid workers.

The UN Secretary General is now approaching member states to solicit contributions to a security force, to be dispatched after a UN security assessment. This time, the response must be swift and positive. Appropriate and well-timed intervention is, in the short term, the only way to prevent yet further human suffering.

Yours sincerely,
NIGEL TWOSE, Director,
International Division, Actionaid,
Hamlyn House,
Macdonald Road, Archway, N19.
November 9.

From the Overseas Director of Care and the Deputy Director of Oxfam

Sir, Contrary to Simon Jenkins's theory that it is the aid intervention which exacerbates instability in conflict situations, we believe it is the failure of the international community to engage in political and diplomatic involvement in the resolution of conflict that has resulted in the present chaos in Somalia and Rwanda.

The suggestion that any future conflict in Rwanda "should be laid firmly at the door of international charity" is spurious. Humanitarian agencies, as distinct from the United Nations, do not have a mandate to resolve conflict or discharge international law. Mr Jenkins's apparent confusion of independent aid organisations with the United Nations in general underlies his flawed conclusions.

In the Rwandan crisis, far from "enticing the Hutus to set up camp" in Zaire, the aid agencies were accused at the time of being slow to respond to the largest, fastest refugee flow in recorded history.

It has been in the interests of Hutu extremists to force the Rwandan population to become and remain refugees. This has defeated the best efforts of aid agencies to prevent refugee outflow by feeding people inside Rwanda and despite encouragements to the refugees to return home from neighbouring countries.

Mr Jenkins congratulates himself for suggesting in August that no aid be sent to Goma. Agencies warned as early as July that the relief effort in and around Rwanda could be compromised if no effort was made to address the presence of extremist political structures in the camps. Agencies such as ours have themselves supported human rights initiatives in Rwanda in the absence of decisive action by world governments.

Now, far from "blackmailing" the UN, Oxfam, Care (which has already withdrawn from one refugee camp) and Médecins sans Frontières are highlighting extremist intimidation of the refugee population, and are insisting that the UN take action now where it has failed to do so for so many months.

Mr Jenkins's article illustrates the urgent need for the international community to act consistently in upholding human rights and civil law. The role of aid agencies in a humanitarian disaster is to address the effects of that disaster, while doing what they can to influence governments and the United Nations to play their role in addressing its causes.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK SAYER
(Overseas Director, Care),
JOHN WHITAKER
(Deputy Director, Oxfam),
36-38 Southampton Street, WC2.
November 10.

From the International Director of the British Red Cross

Sir, Simon Jenkins's article seems to assume that aid agencies naively pour in emergency relief without assessing the wider picture or indeed monitoring closely where the aid goes. From my position, this could not be further from the truth.

All Red Cross operations are carefully monitored, both short-term emergency work and the longer-term rehabilitation projects set up after the immediate aftermath of a disaster. I would agree with Simon Jenkins that donor responsibility and accountability cannot be stressed enough. However, his inference that by intervening less more lives might be saved is highly dubious theorising and morally unacceptable.

Look no further than the example of Afghanistan. The International Committee of the Red Cross is the only agency to have retained a permanent presence in the city of Kabul. There has been almost no intervention by the international community. In Kabul alone this year, 7,000 people have been killed and 23,000 wounded. The only real difference between this conflict and other more "media friendly" disasters is that Afghanistan's people suffer in silence.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY DENNIS,
International Director,
British Red Cross,
9 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1.
November 11.

Ways to reform House of Lords

From the Leader of the Opposition in the Lords

Sir, Your leader of November 8, "New ermine", seems to me to be correct in analysis but wrong in its conclusion [see also letters, November 10]. Certainly the House of Lords is becoming more rather than less useful as a legislative House but the presence of no fewer than 758 peers by succession can hardly be left to the creeping gradualism you propose.

Legislation to remove from a new hereditary peer the automatic right to a seat in Parliament would take some 35 to 40 years to work through, given the ages of the existing hereditary peers.

There are surely three main points to consider:

First, the country does need a second chamber. Legislation emerging from the Commons must be given a long, hard and detailed look, and the number of amendments now being made to Government Bills is proof of that.

Secondly, there is much to be said for retaining a crossbench element in any future chamber. The crossbenchers bring independence, experience and (sometimes) wisdom to Parliament as a whole.

Thirdly, the right of hereditary peers to an automatic seat in the Lords really must go. It is now anachronistic and unjustifiable.

Of course a chamber based solely on patronage would be open to objection if permanent, but at least life peers are there for what they have done and not for what their ancestors did. As a move in the direction of a more sensible second chamber the speedy abolition of the hereditary peerage's automatic right to sit in Parliament is much overdue.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD,
House of Lords.
November 10.

From Mr E. J. Fawcett

Sir, The problem with the Lords is not that the Upper House is necessarily unrepresentative, but that the style and title of its members sends all the wrong messages to the population at large and to those viewing us from overseas.

We persist in awarding titles and honours to those who, in many cases, have enjoyed high incomes and very rewarding careers, and thereby perpetuating a class of people who are recognised as different and treated as privileged. That most of them are very capable is without doubt but we must find other ways of acknowledging outstanding public service than by changing a person's name.

The reality of the House of Lords is probably that of a decent set of hard-working men and women constraining the worst excesses of a government and the lower, elected chamber. The appearance is that the Lords, whatever its merits, is composed of people from a privileged core of society. It is this signal which helps to portray Britain as being reluctant to adopt a modern competitive economy.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FAWCETT,
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Hoveringham, Nottingham.
November 9.

Clergy resignations

From Mr Rodney Bennett-England

Sir, Your report (November 5) that the 215 clergy resignations in the Church of England following the ordination of women priests was fewer than expected understates the real reduction in available clergy.

Whilst this number may represent the actual resignations to date, there are many hundreds more clergy, especially those with families to support or approaching retirement, as well as others staying to test the House of Bishops' statement that there are now two integrities within the Church of England, just biding their time and abstaining from deanery and diocesan activities.

Added to the hundreds of retired and non-stipendiary clergy upon whom the Church increasingly relies for part-time help, and who have withdrawn their services, the numbers are considerably higher than reported.

Yours faithfully,
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Mother Teresa

From Mr Douglas Appleby

Sir, The world at large will know that Mother Teresa of Calcutta is a saint in our time who will look for the person of Christ in all mankind, saint or sinner [letters, November 8, 11]. Having watched "Hell's Angel" on Channel 4 this evening and listened to the commentary by Christopher Hitchens, I'm sure Mother Teresa would be the first to ask us to pray for him.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS APPLEBY,
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Worthing, West Sussex.
November 8.

From Mr Roy Richardson

Sir, I believe it was C. H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) who said to an opponent of his method of evangelism: "I prefer the way I do it to the way you don't do it."

Yours faithfully,
ROY RICHARDSON,
84 South Lane, New Malden, Surrey.

Tax cuts ploy

From Mr N. G. Walker

Sir, You have recently referred often to the Cabinet's plans to reduce public expenditure in order to fund tax cuts before the next election. You also report (November 9) the Cabinet's view that the Tories will not win the next election without such tax cuts.

Is the conspiracy to bribe the electorate an example of sleaze on the grand scale, and a revealing indicator of the depths to which British politics has now sunk?

Yours faithfully,
N. G. WALKER,
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17 High Street, Haddenham,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
November 11.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

'Recaptured' calls

From Mr W. A. B. Brown

Sir, We must be on our guard against BT's new and insidious pestilence of telephone number "recapture" — the system, now due to start on November 22, whereby the recipient of a call can automatically identify the caller without first picking up the receiver ("Goodbye to heavy breathers", Infotech, November 4).

Some of us started bristling three months ago, when discreet notices began trickling into letterboxes from BT, omitting to tell us (which your report now does) that by dialling 0800 80 1471 we can put a total stop to anyone having access to our number before accepting, during, or after, a call.

Why should anybody have this facility? It is a gross invasion of personal privacy and will be a paradise for irresponsible telephone salespeople.

Those who choose to keep their numbers ex-directory should have the stop service provided *automatically*. Why should we have to go to this further trouble, or worse still risk losing the cover for our numbers, without at least being made directly, personally aware of the opt-out arrangements?

We can surely stop, or catch, habitual nuisance callers by quite simply asking the exchange for the caller's number. The scheme is ill thought-out and piratical. Someone has planned to make a mountain of money out of the naivety of the majority.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. B. BROWN,
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Brownberrie Lane,
Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Allergy treatment

From Dr J. R. Mansfield

Sir, You describe a report on the management of allergy [details, November 1, letter, November 9]. I would like to make the following observations:

The report, "Good allergy practice", published by the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Pathologists, states that the methods used by some allergists had not been evaluated by reputable, randomised, placebo-controlled trials. This is not true. The recently published document, "Effective allergy practice", describes many such trials.

Furthermore, the techniques which are criticised in this report are widely available in the USA and other parts of Europe.

Practitioners who use these techniques would welcome the opportunity to take part in ever more extensive trials. Unfortunately, while drugs have the backing of millions of pounds from the pharmaceutical industry, there is minimal funding for the research suggested.

We are surprised that the authors did not urge the National Health Service to fund the research they wanted to see done.

Yours sincerely,
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November 3.

Death penalty

From Dr M. P. Cardew

Sir, While sympathising with the Marquess of Milford Haven in his anger at the thought of releasing the murderer of Lord Mountbatten after 15 years (letter, November 9), I feel impelled to point out the hypocrisy of many present-day attitudes to crime and punishment.

The public recoils from the death penalty mainly because of the archaic and inhumane method used right up to its abolition: but the same public appears not to mind a jot if prisoners are kept without hope of release. Some of these prisoners are violent and dangerous men, posing a constant threat to those whose job it is to keep them confined.

If really wicked and dangerous men are to be imprisoned for the rest of their natural lives, most of the constraints on their behaviour will have been removed. They might as well kill their fellow inmates and prison officers, for they will know that they are already serving the maximum sentence. If there is to be no hope, far better to reintroduce the death penalty. A man with no hope is better dead, and the prison officers' wives will sleep more easily.

Yours faithfully,
M. P. CARDEW
(Part-time medical officer,
Parkhurst Prison),
Rookley Manor,
Rookley, Isle of Wight.
November 11.

The New Forest

From Mr and Mrs Jan Page

Sir, The Earl of Malmesbury (letter, November 5) apparently no longer lives in the New Forest. Those of us who do, and who support the recommendations of the Local Government Review Commission, trust that the Secretary of State will not be influenced by his views.

A sentimental attachment to the concept of Hampshire as a geographical county, a cricket team, an area for the grouping of organisations like bowls clubs or Women's Institutes, need not be threatened by the recommendations. Hampshire will still exist for all of us who live here.

Local government from Winchester is a different matter. Hampshire County Council has tried various structures, divisional and area-based, to enable itself to govern efficiently and cost-effectively; but honest county councillors have been heard to admit that they are mere "rubber stamps", approving officer-led decisions about areas they do not know.

The Earl of Malmesbury is right that forest decisions need to be taken by forest people, but he forgets that our wider arena is not just Hampshire but includes Dorset and Wiltshire. We shall be better placed to negotiate with their local authorities as a New Forest unitary authority. There may be a cost to accountability, but if it means local government which we can truly influence, it will be a small and worthwhile price.

Yours faithfully,
JAN PAGE,
SHEILA PAGE,
34 Avenue Road,
Lymington, Hampshire.

Pulling his weight

From Mr Leonard Ketley

Sir, The recent spate of articles and letters for and against school sporting activities and value thereof (letters, October 19, 26, 31, November 8) brings to mind a memory of the late 1930s when the secondary school which I attended in Woolwich was divided for sporting activities into five houses.

One of my contemporaries in my house was a lad who was — to use a kindly word — portly. For every week bar two in the scholastic year he suffered from a non-stop barrage of "fat-boy" jokes: he was humiliated, despised, subjected to all sorts of indignities — except during sports fortnight. During those two weeks he was feted, as one of the very first super-stars.

The reason was very simple — he was our house tug-of-war anchorman. I cannot recall our ever losing a heat and the finals on the second Friday afternoons were foregone conclusions.

Enclosed by his bevy of young admirers he stood at the end of the line, wrapped the excess rope around his ample frame, stamped each large boot into the turf and leaned back. It was all he had to do — except a ten-minute period later to enjoy the adulation victory brought.

Yours faithfully,
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November 8.

Grand Prix outcome

From Mr and Mrs Martyn Cleasby

Sir, What a hollow victory Herr Schumacher must be celebrating. Had the Australian Grand Prix been a horse race, there would certainly have been a stewards' inquiry.

Yours faithfully,
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November 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 13: The Duchess of Kent *this morning* attended a Service of Remembrance and laid a wreath at the Cenotaph, the City Hall, Belfast and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast *(Colonel Elliott Wilson) and the* Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Sir Patrick Mayhew).

Fiona, Lady Astor of Hever was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 14: The Queen, Patron, this afternoon visited Licensed Victuallers' School, Ascot, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of *Berkshire* (Mr John Henderson), the Governor of the Society of Licensed Victuallers and Licensed Victuallers' Schools (Mr Maurice Quirk), the Chief Executive of Licensed Victuallers' Schools (Mr Colin Wheeler) and the Mayor of Bracknell Forest (Councillor Alan Ward).

Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque, before touring the school and viewing various displays by the children.

The Lady Elton, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in *Waiting) was present at Heathrow* Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of the Duke of York for Argentina and bade farewell to His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 14: The Duke of York left Heathrow Airport, London, this evening for Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The following were present and took leave of His Royal Highness: His Excellency Señor Mario Cámpora (Ambassador from the Argentine Republic) and Sir Roger Hervey (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

Captain Neil Blair RN, Mr Geoffrey Crawford and Captain David Thompson were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 14: The Princess Royal, Patron, Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, this morning attended the Basic Skills and Voluntary Organisations Conference at Glaziers' Hall, London SE1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the National Coaching Foundation, this afternoon attended the Coach of the Year Awards and Luncheon at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London W1.

*The Princess Royal, Patron, Nat*ional Association of Victims Support Schemes, later attended the Annual General Meeting at Earls Court Park Inn International Hotel, Lillie Road, London SW6.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, International Health Exchange, this evening attended the Dinner Meeting at the Royal College of Nursing, Cavendish Square, London W1.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 14: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The *Prince of Wales.*

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 14: The Princess of Wales, Patron, International Spinal Research Trust, this morning received representatives from the charity and members of Icelandic 500.

Her Royal Highness, Vice President, British Red Cross Society, and Patron, British Red Cross Youth, this evening attended a Reception to launch The 125 Society in connection with the 125th Birthday of the British Red Cross in 1995 at Lancaster House, St James's, London SW1.

Mrs Max Pike and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 14: The Duke of Gloucester was present at the Annual Dinner of the British Association Sovereign Military Order of Malta at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 14: The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Dragoon Guards, this afternoon left RAF Northolt for Paderborn, Germany.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Reception

British Red Cross
The Princess of Wales, Vice-President of the British Red Cross and Patron of the 125th Birthday Appeal, was the guest of honour at a reception held yesterday at Lancaster House to launch The 125 Society in connection with the *appeal's 125th birthday in 1995.* Baroness Chalker of Wallasey was the host. The Countess of Limerick, chairman of the council, Mr Michael Whitlam, director-general, Mr John F. Gray, director of public affairs, and Miss Angela Rippon, Chairman of The 125 Society, were the speakers. King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes were also present.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Professor Geoffrey Wood, Professor of Economics, City University, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.

Mr Peter Phillips is 17 years old today.

Birthdays today

Mr J.G. Ballard, novelist, 64; Mr John M Banfield, chairman, Mobil Oil Company, 47; Mr Daniel Barenboim, pianist and conductor, 52; Sir Geoffrey Chandler, former director-general, NEDO, 72; Miss *Petula Clark, singer, 62; Mr André* Deutsch, publisher, 77; Professor Peter Dickinson, pianist and composer, 60; Mr Tibor Fischer, author, 35.

Mr Martin Hammond, headmaster, Tonbridge School, 50; Miss Paula Kahn, chairman and chief executive, Longman Group, 54; Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, 56; Sir Alistair MacKechnie, chartered accountant, 60; Mr Tim Pears, writer, 38; Mr D.D. Rae Smith, chartered accountant, 75; Sir Wallace Rowling, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 67.

Major-General J.K. Shepheard, 86; Canon Eric Staples, former Chaplain to The Queen, 84; Mr Ralph Stubbs, racehorse trainer, 49; Mr John W. Tanner, former UN Director for Jordan, 71; Sir Roger Young, former principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 71.



PETER TRIEVNOR

Competing for the £21,000 overall prize: from the left, James Fenton (poetry), William Trevor (novel), Geraldine McCaughrean (children's novel), Fred D'Aguiar (first novel) and, below, Brenda Maddox (biography)

Harsh words for bad poets

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

THE standard of poetry entered for the 1994 Whitbread awards was, with the exception of the three shortlisted poets, "totally abysmal", Auberon Waugh, editor of the *Literary Review* and one of this year's Whitbread Award adjudicators, said yesterday.

Speaking at the awards ceremony just after it was announced that the poetry category had attracted a record 77 entries, he expressed disbelief that "such rubbish should be printed at all". James Fenton was among the few, "head and shoulders above the rest", who used rhyme in a way that lent weight to what he was saying.

Mr Fenton, who succeeded Seamus Heaney to the Oxford University poetry chair earlier this year, won the £2,000 *Whitbread poetry prize.* The other four winners yesterday were for biography, first novel, novel and children's novel.

They will compete for the £21,000 overall prize on Janu*ary 24 and were selected from* 394 entries, the highest in the Whitbread's 24-year history.

The biography award was won by Brenda Maddox for *The Married Man: A Life Of D.H. Lawrence.* William Trevor's *Felicia's Journey,* about a 17-year-old Irish girl, was the novel award-winner. Fred D'Aguiar, a London poet, was named in the section for first novel, *The Longest Memory.* Geraldine McCaughrean's *Gold Dust* took the Beefeater children's novel award.



Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chatham, Prime Minister 1756-61 and 1766-68, London, 1708; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Hanover, 1738; Johann Kaspar Lavater, physiognomist and poet, Zurich, 1741; Richard Henry Dana, poet, Cam*bridge, Massachusetts,* 1787; Gerhart Hauptmann, dramatist, Nobel laureate 1912, Obersalzbrunn, Silesia, 1862; August Krogh, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1920, Grenaa, Denmark, 1874; Marianne Moore, poet, St Louis, Missouri, 1887; Erwin Rommel, Commander of the German Afrika Corps in World War II, Heidenheim, 1891; Aneurin Bevan, statesman, Tredegar, 1897; Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, writer, Scarborough, 1897.

DEATHS: Johannes Kepler, astronomer, Regensburg, Germany, 1630; Johann Comenius, educator, Naarden, 1670; Christoph Gluck, composer, Vienna, 1787; George Romney, portrait painter, Kendal, Cumbria, 1802; Jean-Baptiste Say, political economist, Paris, 1832; William Murdock, inventor, Soho, 1839; Tz'u-Hsi, dowager Empress of China, Peking, 1908; Lionel Barrymore, actor, Van Nuys, California, 1954; Margaret Mead, anthropologist, New York, 1978.

Miller Reese of New York patented an electrical hearing aid, 1901.

The Queen Elizabeth made her final voyage, 1968.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, will visit the Royal Navy Cookery and Seamanship School, *HMS Raleigh*, Torpoint, Cornwall, at 10.30; will visit the Duchy College at Stoke Climsland, Callington, at 2.50; and Duchy Confectionery, at 4.30.

The Princess Royal, as Commandant in Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend a briefing on Youth Arms develpoments at 1 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1, at 10.30; as President of Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the Royal Mews Group at Knightsbridge Barracks at 1.00 to mark their 25th anniversary; as Patron of the British School of Osteopathy, will attend the 1994 Graduands awards ceremony and present the prizes at St Martin-in-the Fields, at 3.15 and attend a reception afterwards at 1-4 Suffolk Street at 4.10.

Later, as President of REDR — Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief — will attend the annual meeting at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 5.00; and, as Commandant in Chief, The Women's Transport Service (FANY) will visit the casualty bureau exercise at Bishopsgate Police Station, EC2, at 7.00.

Princess Margaret, as Honorary President of the British Museum Development Trust, will attend a dinner at the museum at 7.15 to launch the 250th anniversary appeal.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a concert at St John's Smith Square at 7.30 in aid of the Chernobyl Foundation.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Gryphon School, Sherbourne, at 12.40; and will open the Stour View Family Centre at Sturminster Newton, at 2.50.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr P.J. Deeks
and Miss S.E. Osgood**
The engagement is announced between *Philip John, eldest son of* Mr and Mrs John Deeks, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Sarah Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Osgood, of Chichester, West Sussex.

**Mr S.J. Erritt
and Miss A.G. Maddock**
The engagement is announced between Simon John, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Erritt, of Lindfield, West Sussex, and Amanda Gaye, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maddock-Furze, of Woodham, Surrey.

**Mr S.J. Claridge
and Miss A.E. Lucas**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and *Mrs John Claridge, and Amanda,* daughter of Mr Brian Lucas and the late Mrs Lucas, all of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr A. Fisher
and Miss S.M. Downie**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs John Fisher, of Shrewsbury, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Downie, Cults, Aberdeen.

**Mr J.D. Penrose
and The Hon D.M. Harding**
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs David Penrose, of Drinkstone, Suffolk, and of the late Mr David Penrose, and Dido, daughter of Lord and Lady Harding of Petherton, of Langport, Somerset.

**Mr T.L. Williams
and Miss A.E. Bailey**
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Williams, of Bolton, Greater Manchester, and Anna, second daughter of Drs Alan and Rachel Bailey, of Charfield, Gloucestershire.

Dinners

Lord Mayor's Banquet
The Lord Mayor, Mr Alderman Christopher Walford, accompanied by Mrs Walford, the Sheriffs and their ladies, entertained the outgoing Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Paul Newall, and Lady Newall, at a banquet held last night at Guildhall. The Lord Mayor, Alderman *Sir Paul Newall, the* Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prime Miniser and the Lord Chancellor were the speakers. Others present included:

Mrs Major, Mrs Carey, Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the *Lord* President of the Council and Mrs Newton, the Speaker, Mr M MacLean, the Lord Privy Seal and Viscountess Cranborne, the Ambassador of Iceland and Mrs Agüstsson, the High Commis*sioner for Indian* and Shrimati Singhvi, the High Commissioner for South Africa and Mrs Durr, the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, the Ambassador of Brazil and Senhora Barbosa, the High Commissioner for Australia, the Ambassador of Poland and Mrs Stemplowska, *the High Com*missioner for Canada, the Lord Chamberlain, Lord Ashburton, KG, and Lady Ashburton, Lord Bramall, KG, and Lady Bramall, Lord and Lady Stevens of Ludgate, Lord and Lady Lloyd of Berwick, the Bishop of London, the Vice-Chamberlain of HM Household, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Gummer, the Attorney-General and Lady Lyell, Mr and Mrs Enoch Powell, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, and the Hon Mrs Brooke, Sir John Wheeler, MP, and Lady Wheeler, Sir Peter Hordern, MP, and Lady Hordern, the Lord Chief Justice, the Hon Mrs J Bridge, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Scott, Lord Justice and Lady McCowan, Lord Justice and Lady Beldam, the Chief Rabbi and Mrs Sacks, the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service and Lady Butler, the Chief of the Naval Staff and Lady Bathurst, the Chief of the General Staff and Lady Guthrie, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and the Hon Lady Weatherall, *the Master of HM* Household and Lady Cooper, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Lady Condon, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and *Officers* of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Anglo-Israel Association
Mr Moshe Raviv, Ambassador of Israel, attended the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association held last night at Grosvenor House to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Balfour Declaration on November 2, 1917. Mr Uri Savir, Director General the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel, and Ms Barbara Amiel were the guests of honour and speakers. Mr Peter Shore, MP, president, was in the chair and Mr *John L. Marshall,* MP, chairman of the executive committee also spoke.

Wolfe Society
Dr Richard Holmes was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Wolfe Society held last night in Westerham, Kent, to mark the anniversary of the birth of Major-General James Wolfe. Mr J. St A. Warde, president, was in the chair.

Athenaeum
Professor Sir Michael Howard was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Sir David Hunt was in the chair.

Memorial services

Lord Hunter of Newington
The Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Hunter of Newington, a former Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Birmingham University, held yesterday in the Great Hall of Birmingham University.

The Rev David Smith, Bishop's Chaplain to Birmingham University, introduced the service. Sir Alex Jarratt, Chancellor, of the University, read the collect and the Ven John Duncan, Archdeacon of *Birmingham, led the prayers and* pronounced the blessing.

Dr the Hon Robin Hunter, son, read the lesson and Professor Sir Michael Thompson, vice-chancellor and principal, also representing the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, read John Donne's *A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning.* Lord Walton of Detchant gave an address. Miss Heather Hunter, granddaughter, sang *Laudate Dominum* from Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore, K339.*

The Deputy Lord Mayor of Birmingham attended. Among others present were:

Lady Hunter (widow), Dr the Hon A M and Mrs Hunter (son and daughter-in-law), the Hon [illegible] Hunter (son), Dr and the Hon Mrs M G Edward (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Mrs Robin Hunter (daughter-in-law) and other members of the family, Dr K Calman (Chief Medical Officer), Mr B Stoten (chairman, South Birmingham Health Authority), Professor M J S Langman (Royal College of Physicians), members of the Council and Senate of the university, Mr W Dale (vice-president, finance, Guild of Students), with other representatives of Birmingham University, Dundee University, Queen's University, Belfast, Leicester University, Leeds University and the University of Wales and many friends and colleagues.

Mr George Thornton Hesketh
A memorial service for Mr George Thornton Hesketh was held yesterday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. Canon W.B. Norman officiated. Sir Christopher Slade, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, read the lesson and Mr John Bradburn gave an address.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for Mr P.V. Obeng, Special Adviser to the President of Ghana.

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Dr Haris Silajdzic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Board of Deputies of British Jews
Mr David Hunt, MP, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday at Woburn House by the *Board of Deputies of British* Jews. Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, president, was in the chair.

Portuguese UK Chamber of Commerce
*Mr Stephen Wall, HM Ambas*sador to Portugal, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual business luncheon of the Portuguese UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Painters' Hall. Dr A. Vaz Mascarenhas, chairman, presided.

Lord Shackleton

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Shackleton will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Wednesday, January 25, 1995. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 25, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA. Tickets will be posted on January 11. Admission to the service will be by ticket only. All are welcome to apply.

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You are awesome, Lord, more majestic than the everlasting mountains.
Psalm 76 : 4 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALDINGTON - On 11th November, to Lisa and Dominic, a son, Harry Dominic.

ARMSTRONG - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Garrad) and John, a daughter (Matilda Elizabeth), a sister for Florence.

BYRNE - On November 8th 1994, in Truro, to Susie (née Bates) and Dominic, a son, Nicholas Michael, a brother for Kitty.

CAMPBELL - On November 9th 1994, at The Countess of Chester Hospital, to Helen (née Black) and Andrew, a son, Alexander James Murray.

DAVIES - On 10th November, to Katie (née Swallow) and Peter, a son, Archie William.

DOWER - On Sunday 13th November, at Lincoln County Hospital. Congratulations to Rich and Laura on the safe arrival of Austin Thomas, best wishes from all at Delta-Simons.

EVANS - On 7th November at Princess Alexandra Hospital, to Jane and Daryl, a daughter, Sophie Mai.

GILL - On Tuesday 1st November 1994, to Karen (née Mochrie) and Martin, a daughter, Emily Eva Patricia.

KWAN - On November 12th at the Wellington Hospital, to Bentay (née Engcanittayakul) and Danny, a beautiful daughter, Aimee.

MALCOLM - On 9th November, to Evelyn (née Baudhuin) and Alastair, a son, Douglas Christopher Ronald.

MASUDA - On 9th November at the Wellington Hospital, to Naoko and Tetsuya, a son, Makoto, a brother for Hikari.

NODDER - On November 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Rosalind and Edward, a son, Angus, brother for George and cousin for Clare, Julian and Suzie.

PILCHER - On November 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Pascale and Matthew, a beautiful baby boy, Charles Maxwell.

RAYLEIGH - On November 11th, to Annabel and John, a son, William Hedley Charles.

ROBSON - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Danae and Nick, a lovely daughter, Rosie, a sister for Jake, Hugo and Theo.

SLATER - On 10th November, to Agnes (née Muirhead) and Andrew, a son, Benedict Arthur.

TAYLOR - On November 7th 1994, to Karen and Colin, a daughter, Bethanie Claire, a sister for Emma Jane.

UNDERWOOD - On 11th November, to Mary (née Gore-Langton) and Antony, a daughter, Clementine Florence, a sister for Hersey.

WALLER - On 12th November, at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Knowles) and James, a daughter, Beatrice Madeleine Ann, a sister for Grace and Guy.

WELLINGS - On November 6th, to Jennifer (née Creighton) and Keith, a son, Jocelyn Charles.

DEATHS

ABEL - On November 12th, Keith Paterson, dearly loved husband of Sue. Adored father of James, Andrew, Kathryn and Keith. Funeral 11 am on Friday November 18th at St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe, Bucks. Family flowers only. All enquiries to Surman & Horwood, Princes Risborough, Bucks., tel: (0844) 274842.

ADAMSON - Peacefully at her home in Lancaster on 12th November 1994, Grace Seton Adamson, beloved wife of the late John and mother of David and Lesley. Enquiries: Preston, Ireland, Bowker, Lancaster. (01524) 64023.

ALDIS - On 12th November, peacefully in hospital, in the 50th year of marriage, Brian, aged 80, Canon of Salisbury, loving husband of Grace, devoted father of Elisabeth, Marion, Catherine and Peter and grandfather of Anna, Hugo and Gabrielle. Enquiries to Tapper Funeral Service, tel: Poole (0202) 673164.

THE TIMES
NOTICE TO READERS
Our new telephone number for Birth, Marriage and Death announcements is
071 782 7272 or fax 071 782 7827

BENSON - Sir Jeffrey Benson (Jeff) F.C.I.B., after a long and bravely fought battle against cancer, the most dearly and deeply loved husband of Audrey for 47 years, so loved by sons Martin and Stephen and daughter-in-law Margaret and a very special grandpa to Andrew, Philip, Alex and Daniel. Funeral will take place at St Leonards Church, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Bucks., on Thursday 17th November at 1 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations to Cancer Research much appreciated. Further details c/o H.C. Grimstead Ltd., 25 Chesham Road, Amersham, Bucks. HP6 5HN, tel: (0494) 434393.

BOWLES - On November 6th 1994, in London, Kay (née Musgrove), The Lady Bowles, aged 86. Widow first of Ted, Air Commodore E.D.M. Hopkins and second of Frank, Francis George, The Lord Bowles. Lovingly remembered by her family, her Godchildren and her friends. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday November 18th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ, would be greatly appreciated.

CARROLL - On 11th November 1994, peacefully at Southbourne, Evelyn Florence, aged 100, widow of the Revd Ian Carroll. Requiem Mass Tuesday 22nd November 12 noon at Corpus Christi Church, Boscombe. No flowers please. Enquiries to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, (0202) 309609.

CLARKE - Mary Ethel, on 9th November 1994 peacefully in her 93rd year, at Rosehill, Dorking. Funeral at St James's Church, Abinger Common, nr Dorking, at 3 pm on Friday 18th November. Family flowers only but donations to The Rector, St James's Church, much appreciated.

CLOSE - George Leonard, died at home, peacefully, after a brief illness. He leaves behind wife Patricia, son Diccon and daughter Kate. Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Petersham, Richmond, 2.30 pm, Friday 18th November. Family flowers only please, donations to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3.

COLLINS - Stanley Malcolm, on Friday November 11th 1994, peacefully in Eastbourne, aged 70. Dearly loved by his wife Therese, his five children and three grandchildren. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Ransom Church, Eastbourne, at 12 noon on Friday November 18th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Imperial Cancer Fund.

COVENTRY - On November 12th, peacefully at home, the Reverend Dr. Frank Coventry, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Family funeral. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced.

CROOM-JOHNSON - On November 9th 1994, peacefully in her sleep, Jane, dearly loved wife of the late Henry and mother to her devoted sons Oliver and William. Desperately missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Monday November 21st at Mortlake Crematorium. Flowers to Barnes & Sons, 112 Devonport Road, London W12 8NU, tel: (081) 743-4312.

DEVLIN - On November 11th, suddenly at home, Hugh Francis, dearly loved husband of Margaret, devoted father of Henrietta and grandpa of Tom, Florence and Beatrice. Private cremation. A Mass of Thanksgiving to be held later. If desired, donations in his memory to Twining Ward, King's College Hospital, London SE5.

ELLIOTT - On November 12th, Norman John, aged 81, much loved husband of Beryl, father of Rosalind and grandfather of David and Graham. Grateful for much happiness he bequeathed his body for medical purposes. A further communication will be sent to friends. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

EVANS - T. Randall, of Lacey Green, passed peacefully away on November 11th 1994, aged 86 years. Funeral Service 3.30 pm Thursday November 17th at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. No flowers but donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

GORDON - On 10th November, at Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, after a long illness borne with great spirit, Elizabeth Gordon M.B.E. Greatly missed by her family and many devoted friends. Funeral Service at St Matthias Church, Richmond, on Monday 21st November at 1.45 pm. Cremation to follow at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

HARMAN - On 13th November, suddenly in London, Dr. John Bishop FRCP, FRCS, aged 87 years. Very dearly loved husband of Anna and father of Janet, Sarah, Harriet and Virginia and grandfather of ten. Funeral private. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the Medical Benevolent Fund. Memorial Service to be announced.

HAWTIN - On November 12th 1994, peacefully, Sqdrn. Leader Reginald James Hawtin (Rtd.). Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Thursday November 17th at 11 am.

HAYDEN - William Ernest Edward, ex R.N., on November 8th, peacefully in his 90th year at QA Hospital, Portsmouth. Sadly missed and greatly loved by his beloved wife of 65 years, Moira and sons Peter, Roger and Brian and their families.

HOOD - In August in New York, the Reverend Dr. Robert E. Hood, aged 58. A Memorial Service will be held in the Dick Shepherd Memorial Chapel, St Martin-in-the-Fields, on 17th December 1994 at noon.

HUGHES - Peacefully at home on 12th November 1994, Christian, Lady Hughes, beloved and loving wife of William, Lord Hughes, much loved mother of Alison and Janet, adored granny of Gillian, Elaine, Graham and Jamie, and loved mother-in-law of Allan. Funeral Service at Comrie and Strowan Parish Church at 1 pm on Thursday 17th November and thereafter at Perth Crematorium for 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations may be made at the Church for Cancer Research.

KEELING - On Sunday November 13th 1994, at home, Peter, much loved husband of Hannah, loving father of Dan and beloved son of Isobel. Funeral Service 2 pm Friday 18th November at Kenwyn Parish Church, followed by private interment. Will friends please meet at the Church. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if desired, for Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to the Funeral Directors, W.J. Berwetherick & Son Ltd., Central House, Fairmantle Street, Truro, tel: (0872) 74021.

KENNEDY - On 12th November, William Kevin, much loved brother of Olive and Ina. Funeral Service at St Dominic's Priory Church, Southampton Road, London NW5, on Friday 18th November at 11 am. Family flowers only and donations to North London Hospice c/o Leverton & Sons, Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

KENYON - On Friday November 11th 1994, suddenly, James Christopher, husband of the late Nancy and only son of the late Myles and Mary Kenyon.

LARGE - Tony, of Horsham, West Sussex, on 13th November 1994, aged 51. Lately, Valuation Manager Sun Alliance.

LAZARUS - On 11th November, Henry Lazarus, peacefully at home in Bucks Hill. Darling husband of Peggy, loving father of Hazel, John and Jill, grandfather of Toni, Oliver, Emma, Donald and Debi. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, Tuesday November 15th at 10 am. No flowers.

LINAKER - On Sunday 13th November 1994, peacefully at Coombe Grange, Sway, Hants., Amy Louise, aged 91. Dearly loved aunt of Paddy and Sue, great-aunt of Sam, sister of Marie Ingle. Will be much missed by her many friends. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Lukes Church, Sway, Hants., on Friday 25th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to P.D.S.A., Whitechapel Way, Priorslee, Telford, Shropshire, TF2 9PQ.

MACKENZIE - Peacefully on Saturday 12th November at Sutton Veny House Nursing Home, Lieutenant Colonel A.A.D.F. (Mac) Mackenzie of MOD Oman and formerly of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and Indian Army. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Stourton, on Friday 18th November at 1100 hours. Wreathes and flowers to Messrs Bracher Bros. Ltd. of Gillingham, Dorset. A Memorial Service will be held in Oman on a date to be announced.

McLACHLAN - On November 10th 1994, Dr. Ian Munro, of Solihull, aged 86 years, peacefully in hospital in Birmingham, after a short illness. Late Medical Officer of Health for Solihull Council. The loving husband of Dr. Greta with whom he is now reunited. Beloved father of Aileen, Ian, Sally and Stuart and proud grandfather of James, Fiona, Andrew, Charles, Helen, Stuart, Greta and Piers. Funeral Service at St Alphege Church, Solihull, on Friday November 18th 1994 at 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations to the Salvation Army c/o Dyson Richards Funeral Directors, 487 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4AA.

NEWLING WARD - On November 9th, peacefully in hospital, Gladys Mary of St Michaels Manor, St Albans. Dearly loved wife of Michael. Funeral Service at St Michaels Church on Friday 18th November at 12 noon. Donations to MacMillan Runcie Day Care Centre or flowers c/o Phillips Funeral Services, 68 Alma Road, St Albans, AL1 3BL, tel: (0727) 851006.

O'BRIEN - On November 13th, at Docking House R/H, Phyllis Elsie Margaret, wife of Edward and mother of the late Simon Chudleigh. Funeral Service 12.30 pm Thursday November 17th at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Docking, Norfolk.

RENTON - Peacefully on November 12th, aged 78 years, Lyn, late of Ryton and latterly Callerton Hall, Ponteland. Newcastle, formerly a Headmistress and teacher in Gateshead, Newcastle and Northumberland Schools. Beloved wife of the late Frank, loving aunt of Judith and Elizabeth and a dear sister of Chris and the late Mary Thomson. Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Wednesday November 16th at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to J. Bardgett & Sons, Westgate Road, Newcastle.

ROSS - David, on Thursday 10th November 1994, in Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, beloved husband, father and grandfather and brother. None better. A Celebration of his Life will be held on Friday November 18th 1994 at 3.30 pm at Norwich City (Earlham) Crematorium. Enquiries to G.W. Foulger & Son Funeral Directors, Wayside, Shotesham, Norwich, tel: (01508) 558585.

SESSIONS - E. Margaret (Margot), peacefully at home at 6 Rawcliffe Grove, Clifton, York YO3 6NB on Saturday 12th November 1994; Daughter of Hubert and Ethelwyn Lidbetter of London; beloved Wife for 55 years of Bill; Mother of Sallie Dearnley, Mark and Michael; Mother-in-law of John, Paddy and Sue and Grandmother of Daniel, Polly, Thomas, Joanna, Katie, James, William, Edward, Tim and Tom. *Funeral Service to be held at* York Crematorium on Thursday November 17th at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations if wished to York Against Cancer, Minster House, Gladstone Street, Huntington Road, York YO3 7RF, plate provided at the service.

SHAW - On November 12th, peacefully at St Leonard's Hospice, York, Mary, beloved wife of Roger and devoted mother of William and Matthew. Funeral private. There will be a Memorial Service of Thanksgiving at 11 am on December 9th at All Saints Church, Huntington, York.

SIMS - On November 12th 1994, suddenly, William (Bill) Sims, dearly loved husband of Bunny, father of Caroline, Susan and Robin. Funeral Service at St Stephen's City, Bristol, Monday November 21st at 12.30 pm. No flowers please.

SMITH-WINDHAM - Peacefully on 12th November 1994, Brigadier William Russell Smith-Windham C.B.E., D.S.O., late Royal Signals. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Pitney, Langport, Somerset, on Friday 18th November at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries and if desired donations for The Royal Signals Benevolent Fund c/o Forsey & Son, Pound Pool, Somerton, Somerset.

SMYTH - On November 12th 1994, peacefully at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, Mary, aged 81 years, of Callington, Cornwall, wife of the late John F.A. Smyth O.B.E., dearly loved mother of Richard and Rosemary and grandmother of Thomas and Edward. Funeral Service Stoke Climsland Parish Church, Friday November 18th, 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired for the R.N.L.I. or R.S.P.C.A. to C.P. Coombe Funeral Direction, Glenmoor, Moss Side, Callington, Cornwall PL17 8AS.

STAHLER - Samuel Aaron, on Saturday November 12th 1994, after a short illness. Deeply mourned by his wife, sons, daughter, brother, grandchildren, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, relatives and friends.

STEIN - On November 13th, peacefully at home, Charles, aged 87. Will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. Service at the Reading Crematorium on Thursday 17th November at 10.30 am. Flowers to Tomalin, New Street, Henley on Thames.

STEWART - On 12th November, John Innes Mackintosh Stewart (Michael Innes), peacefully in his sleep after a long illness, at Woodcote Grove House Nursing Home, Coulsdon, Surrey, aged 88 years. Much beloved father of Michael, Nigel, Angus, Margaret and Mary, and grandfather of their thirteen children. Funeral at Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Heath, on Thursday 17th November at 3 pm.

ST LAWRENCE - Suddenly at Salisbury, on 13th November, Joan Elizabeth (Jane), dear wife of Ralph and mother of Nicola, Hugo and Clare. Requiem Mass St Osmund, Salisbury, 2.30 pm Friday 18th. Family flowers only; Donations to Sir Oswald Trust, Cabinet Bank, Pennington, Ulverston.

TAYLOR - On November 10th, peacefully at home, Alec Thomas William, aged 75, father of Michael. Funeral Service Friday November 18th 12 noon at Mansfield Crematorium. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research. Enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Service, tel: (0623) 27701.

WELLER - Stanley (Sam). On November 10th 1994, peacefully at Duchess of Kent House, Reading. Funeral Service at St Matthew's Church, Southcote, Reading, on Friday November 18th at 11.15 am, followed by cremation at Reading Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for St Matthew's Church, Southcote, c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DL.

WILLIAMS - John Danser (Johnny), peacefully in his sleep on November 12th, aged 81, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Vice President and Founder Member of Friends of Holland Park. A wonderful husband to Monica during her long illness and a dearly loved friend to so many. Cremation on Friday 18th November 2.15 pm at West London Crematorium.

WINGFIELD DIGBY - On November 9th, peacefully at the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, Richard Everard, aged 75 years. Much loved husband of Biddy and father of George, Toby, Sophie and Jack. Family service will take place on Friday November 18th at 2 pm at St Mary's Church, Hazelbury Bryan. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Sherborne Abbey on December 6th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen c/o W.E. Brister & Son, Hound Street, Sherborne, tel: (0935) 812547.

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OBITUARIES

HAROLD DEAN

Harold Dean, CB, QC, Judge Advocate General of the Forces, 1972-79, died on October 29 aged 85. He was born on November 5, 1908.



A PACIFIST by conviction, and a man firmly on the left wing of the political spectrum in the years before the war, Harold Dean altered his views when his own country came under threat from an enemy. Up to the outbreak of war he had been an ardent member of the Peace Pledge Union and the last man in the world to associate himself with the armed forces.

Nevertheless he went on to have a distinguished war career in the RAF and the experience of courts martial this gave him steered him decisively away from his prewar career at the Manchester Bar and his often unpaid briefs on behalf of trade unions, into a military mould. This culminated in his becoming the armed forces' senior judicial figure.

He joined the Judge Advocate General's judicial staff in 1950, one of the first senior barristers appointed to it from practice at the bar following its radical reorganisation in 1948, when its judicial function and status was emphasised by bringing it within the Lord Chancellor's establishment (the JAG had until then been jointly responsible to the Secretaries of State for War and Air).

Frederick Harold Dean was born into a prosperous and closely interrelated Manchester family. Besides being successful, in business (an uncle invented the fizzy drink Tizer) they also tended to strong convictions and fierce contentiousness.

Harold Dean was an only child, on whom all his mother's hopes were focused. She was herself a highly intelligent woman but obsessed by what she believed to be the delicate state of her own health — in fact she lived well into her nineties — and her child's.

He followed past generations of his family to Manchester Grammar School, where he distinguished himself academically and gained his colours for cross country running. Matriculating early, he was offered a place at Oxford, but his mother did not want him to leave home. Instead he went to Manchester University, where he read law. In 1933 he joined the Manchester chambers of P. Redmond Barry, a leading figure on the Northern Circuit, and built up a sound and steady practice in the North West of England.

At this stage of his life he was politically to the left and he acted, virtually voluntarily, in a number of cases for the trade unions. He also dabbled with the idea of going into politics in the Labour cause.

During this time he met his first wife, who shared his strong idealism. They became engaged in 1936 on Victoria Station as he was seeing her off to the Spanish Civil War to nurse for the International Brigade. It was on her return, sickened by what she had seen of the face of war, that they both joined the Peace Pledge Union.

Her views underwent a change in 1939-40 when it was her own country that was at war. Dean at first held firm to his pacifist ideals and sought to register as a conscientious objector, appearing before a tribunal. But he found himself persuaded by the counter-arguments the tribunal deployed against him and was brought to recognise that the situation his country and the world were facing called for a reconsideration of his rejection of the use of armed force. In August 1940 he joined the Royal Air Force.

For the next two years he served as operations officer at various RAF stations in the United Kingdom. In 1942 he was posted to the Middle East, where he served first at RAF Habbaniya and then on the staff in Iraq, Middle East Command and East Africa.

Joining the RAF was a turning point in his life which had until then been bounded by Manchester and the personality of his mother. For the first time he was enjoying independent responsibility as well as seeing a world of which he had never dreamed as a Manchester lawyer.

On one occasion the lightness of heart brought on by these new freedoms led to a prank which got more than a little out of hand. As operations officer at RAF Habbaniya, bored as was everybody else by the tedium of day after day as empty of interest as were the skies of enemy aircraft, Dean decided that it was time to bring a little colour into their lives.

Other junior officers were party to the escapade in which Dean reported to the station CO that radar had picked up an unidentified aircraft. Fighters were scrambled to intercept it, but before they returned Dean informed the CO that the mystery plane had identified itself. It was carrying the Dalai Lama, who wished to land at the base to rest and refuel.

Since the hapless CO was a little vague about who exactly the Dalai Lama was, Dean enlightened him in much colourful detail, explaining at the same time that their distinguished guest would need to be received appropriately. The band was mustered, protesting their ignorance of the Tibetan national anthem and a guard of honour was fallen in on the runway. When Dean eventually admitted that the whole thing had been a joke, the CO's reaction was unprintable. Dean, as chief instigator, was severely reprimanded.

In 1945 Dean was released from the RAF and returned to practise in Manchester, with growing success. But his war service had left him with the itch for more than Manchester and provincial practice. As a personnel staff officer he had been closely acquainted with court-martial work and the advertisement of a vacancy in the office of the Judge Advocate opened for him a door back into a world he had enjoyed.

By 1954 he had become Deputy Judge Advocate General and was sent, with a judicial staff of his own, to represent the JAG in the Far East, based on Singapore. Over the next 14 years he held similar positions for Middle East Command, in Cyprus, and in Germany, before being appointed in 1968 Vice Judge Advocate General, becoming JAG in 1972.

On his retirement as JAG, he accepted the appointment of chairman of the disciplinary appeal committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, which he held until 1984. He continued active in legal research, contributing to the article, "Royal Forces" in the 1983 edition of *Halsbury's Laws of England*.

He was also involved in church affairs. Besides being a lay preacher and reader, he lent his talents to the production of diocesan literature among other supportive activities. In retirement he became chairman of the Oxford Diocese Redundant Churches Committee.

Small physically, with a quiet speaking voice, Dean had nevertheless a powerful presence. His obvious intellect was spiced with an impish wit and a sense of fun which seemed to grow with age. He enjoyed gentle raillery, especially in feminine company.

He revered the law, but had throughout his life the traditional Mancunian liberal's lack of reverence for established authority and determination to see justice done to the individual. He was appointed CB in 1976.

His first marriage, to Mary Eayrs Williams, by whom he had a son and a daughter was dissolved in 1966. Both she, and their daughter, predeceased him. In 1966 he married Sybil Marshall Dennis (née Chatterton), who died in 1977. In 1978 he married Mary-Rose Lester (née Merriman) who survives him with the son of his first marriage.

HARDIE WILLIAMSON



Hardie Williamson, graphic artist and designer, died in Worthing, West Sussex, on November 4 aged 87. He was born in Hull on October 18, 1907.

AS AN artist, Hardie Williamson created images in children's fiction that became a benchmark for simplicity and appealed to generations of postwar children. His uniquely recognisable designs for the Children's Illustrated Classics series published by Dent Dutton for 25 years placed him centre stage both in the minds of graphic artists and the children whose appetite for adventure was addressed by these books.

From the 1940s until the 1970s Hardie drew up and produced endpapers and cloth covers for each of the 92 books in the Children's Illustrated Classics series which featured the core of English fiction. These included *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Tom Sawyer*.

The catalogue of work for which he created small, intense pictures ranged from *Aesop's Fables* to Grimm's *Fairy Stories* and from Hans Andersen to Charles and Mary Lamb's *Tales from Shakespeare*. With their characteristic motifs these books were seen in many homes and schools.

Hardie Williamson moved from Hull following a German air-raid in the First World War and settled in Edinburgh, his father's native city. There he studied at Herriott's Academy before going to Harrogate and ultimately being given a scholarship to the Design School of the Royal College of Art in 1929. When he graduated he was given the chance to teach design at the college and ran the fabric course during the war from Ambleside. There he taught his students that manufacture meant just that "made by hand" and he encouraged them to both design and execute their ideas.

He particularly believed in the synthesis of visual imagination with the disciplining constraints of industrial mass fabrication.

He and his artist wife Sue brought fabrics back to their home, creating a studio in their garden for the dyeing process. His hands would often be Tyrian purple and his trousers soaked in cochineal at the end of the colouring processes.

Parallel to his work on paper and cloth was his extraordinary output of designs for glasses which were made at the Ravenhead factory in St Helens. For a quarter of a century he designed more than 1,600 glasses for the domestic market, a feat unmatched by any other designer at that time. The glasses were sold in every department store in the country and Hardie would say, with gentle humour to complete strangers in a pub, "Hey, you're drinking from my glass". He said that, unlike other artists who signed their work and saw it hung, his would be invariably smashed and thrown away. Happily, it seems as if his collection, which glistened from every shelf in his home, will go to the Broadfield House Glass Museum in Stourbridge.

While his glasses showed a wide range of geometric and abstract influences his oil and watercolour paintings showed a man fascinated by nature who always strived to represent beautifully. His interest in geology gave him a lifelong pursuit of rocks which he polished and sometimes used as inlay for small tables. His paintings reflected his delight in petrology and his dramatic coastal scenes show rocks thrown up in geomorphic chaos.

Dogged by serious lung disease all his life, he still managed to walk in Scotland and the West Country and spent many happy days exploring postwar Venice and Tuscany. He married Susan Plowright, a fellow student, and they lived in artistic harmony until she died in 1987. He was doggedly independent and though he affected to be brusque was as gentle as a Scottish Yorkshiremen could be.

MILDRED NATWICK



Mildred Natwick with Jane Fonda in Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*

Mildred Natwick, actress, died in New York on October 25 aged 89. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 19, 1905.

MILDRED NATWICK was one of America's most reliable character actresses, with a particular reputation for playing formidable aunts, spinsters, mediums and other eccentrics. She was equally at home in Hollywood or on the New York stage, although she preferred the latter.

Whatever she was playing, one look at her forbidding expression, and the audience knew that here was a woman who meant business — whether as Madame De Rosemonde lecturing her nephew Valmont in Stephen Frears's film of Choderlos de Laclos's classic novel of corrupt sexuality, *Dangerous Liaisons* (1988), or playing the spirited mother of a newly-wed bride in Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*.

The latter marked a high point in Natwick's career, particularly when, after a successful Broadway run in 1963, she repeated her performance as Ethel Banks in the 1967 film version and duly received an Oscar nomination for best supporting actress. Provided by Simon with most of the funniest lines ("Make him feel important. If you do that, you'll have a happy and wonderful marriage, like two out of every ten couples", for instance), it was hardly surprising that she overshadowed her co-stars, Jane Fonda and Robert Redford.

Twenty-five years previously, Noël Coward had consolidated Natwick's standing on Broadway by giving her the plum role of the medium, Madame Arcati, in the first American production of *Blithe Spirit*. Despite Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne turning down the leads, the play toured and opened very successfully on Broadway, remaining there for 18 months and winning the American drama critics' award for the year of 1942. Coward thought Natwick's performance "true, subtle and hilariously funny without ever being in the least grotesque". Having condensed the play to half its original length for American television, he cast her in the same role, alongside Claudette Colbert, Lauren Bacall and himself in 1956.

Natwick had spent the intervening years mainly on the New York stage and was not particularly well known in Hollywood as a result. Consequently, just before rehearsals were due to start, Lauren Bacall spent some time at one of Coward's parties mistakenly congratulating Coward's English neighbour, Erica Marx, on her excellent acting, before her host could intervene and point out that this was not, in fact, Miss Natwick.

Mildred Natwick was the daughter of a businessman, and was educated at Bryn Mawr, and the Bennett Junior College in Dutchess County, New York, where she studied drama. Even at this stage, she was always cast in character roles, usually as much older women.

From her first performances with the Vagabonds, an amateur group in Baltimore, she moved on to the Universal Players on Cape Cod, a company which included among its ranks the young Henry Fonda, James Stewart, Margaret Sullavan and Joshua Logan. Her Broadway debut came in 1932 with the melodrama *Carry Nation*.

Her first film role was as an Irish prostitute in *The Long Voyage Home* (1940), an excellent amalgam of four one-act plays by Eugene O'Neill, directed by John Ford. She appeared in Hitchcock's *The Trouble with Harry* (1955), as the old maid Miss Graveley who discovers the unfortunate Harry's corpse.

Her other films included Ford's *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* (1949), and *The Quiet Man* (1952); *The Court Jester* (1956), with Danny Kaye; *If It's Tuesday This Must Be Belgium* (1967); and *Daisy Miller* (1974).

Her first love, however, continued to be the theatre, and she appeared in some forty Broadway productions altogether. She showed her versatility by playing in Pinter's *Landscape* in 1970 and the following year, at the age of 62, made her singing debut in the musical *70, Girls, 70*, as the leader of a group of elderly lawbreakers.

She never married and lived in grand style alone in Park Avenue, flying to Hollywood whenever called upon.

PROFESSOR PETER GRAY

Professor Peter Gray, paediatrician, died in Cardiff on October 6 aged 70. He was born in Nottingham on April 27, 1924.

AS HEAD of the Department of Child Health at the University of Wales College of Medicine from 1967 to 1989, Peter Gray played a major role in the development of child care in Wales. This gentle but strong Englishman developed a love for the land of his adoption and for its children.

The needs of the South Wales valleys were of particular concern to him. In his early days there, his commitment to deprived areas, where at that time there were no resident staff, found him doing what two or three doctors working in shifts would do nowadays.

After going to school in Nottingham, he qualified at Birmingham University in 1947 and soon afterwards developed the deep concern for the wellbeing of children that was to characterise his life.

After working with Sir Leonard Parsons at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, he moved to Cardiff as senior registrar to A. G. Watkins, Wales's first professor of paediatrics. From there he had a period in London at the Evelina Childrens Hospital (within Guy's Hospital) before returning to Cardiff as senior lecturer and finally Professor of Paediatrics.

He was instrumental in developing paediatric departments throughout the Principality and was a founder-member of the Welsh Paediatric Society. Several generations of paediatricians, many of whom received their higher education in Cardiff, testify to the enormous support and wise counsel they received from him. Very soon undergraduates were going to all the main hospitals in Wales for training in child health.

Peter Gray was at heart a general paediatrician, taking a holistic interest in children's diseases. Yet, with children's medicine evolving so fast over the past 25 years, he was able to bring many of the new breed of specialists into his department.

He himself developed an expertise in the medical treatment medicine of the unborn, a field in which great strides have been made.

Although a scientist, he never lost sight of the wonder of God's creation and the beauty of a newborn baby. There was no dichotomy in his mind between scientific knowledge and faith.

He is survived by his wife Marion and three daughters.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

ELLIS-BRATZA-YOVANOVITCH - On 15th November 1969, at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Tadworth, Surrey by Father T.B. Murray S.J., Bryan to Maria, now at Strawberry Hill, together with Lucy & Toby.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

VIGIUS - Peggie Vigius and the family of the late Bob of Granchester wish to thank everyone for the cards and letters of sympathy, kindness and help received in their recent and bereavement. They are grateful for the very large number who attended the funeral service, for the beautiful flowers sent and the donations given in his memory. Their thanks are also due to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Evelyn Hospital for all the attention and kindness shown to him. It is hoped that this acknowledgement can be accepted as an expression of their most grateful thanks.

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A SON BORN TO PRINCESS ELIZABETH

The following Court Circular was issued last night: —

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The Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, was safely delivered of a Prince at 9.14pm today. Her Royal Highness and her son are both doing well

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The King and Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who had remained in the Palace throughout the evening, were the first to be informed. A telephone call gave Queen Mary the news of the birth of her first great-grandchild and she drove at once from Marlborough House to the Palace. Sir Alan Lascelles, the King's secretary, telephoned the news to the Home Secretary, and previously prepared telegrams went at once from the Court post office to Governors-General overseas.

Inside the Palace there was an air of expectancy throughout the evening. Sister Helen Rowe called Sir William Gilliatt, the gynaecologist, to the Princess early in the evening. Sir William Gilliatt had been staying at the Palace since Saturday night. He telephoned Sir John Weir, the King's physician, who had visited the Princess during the morning, and Sir John Weir drove to the Palace . . . When the Duke of Edinburgh was told that he had a son, he went into the Princess's room to see her, and immediately afterwards went to see his son, who had been taken to the nursery by Sister Rowe.

A few minutes later the Duke took the King and Queen to see their grandson. The Queen embraced her son-in-law and the King shook hands warmly with him. When Queen Mary arrived she and the King and Queen went in to see Princess Elizabeth and remained with her for some time. Queen Mary also saw her great-grandson.

The Duke of Edinburgh opened a bottle of champagne and with members of his staff drank to the health of the infant Prince. The doctors and officials of the Royal Household also drank to the baby's health. Afterwards the Duke went back to Princess Elizabeth and stayed with her for some time after she had recovered from the anaesthetic.

There had been a crowd outside the Palace throughout the day, but its numbers swelled as darkness fell. The people thronged round the Victoria Memorial and near the Palace railings, watching the windows of the Palace and hoping for news. It was a quiet crowd, but there was an atmosphere of subdued excitement.

The people learned the news when a servant of the Royal Household crossed the forecourt to the gates and told a police-constable, who relayed the news to the people. Immediately there was cheering and an outburst of excited comment.

Soon the police were compelled to cordon off the main road outside the Palace. By now hundreds of cars were parked near and more and more people continued to arrive. The subdued atmosphere had given way to one of complete excitement. A copy of the Court Circular had been posted where the people could see it, and there was a cheerful scramble to read it.

At 12.15 the officers in a police car outside the Palace gates broadcast: "Ladies and gentlemen, it is requested from the Palace that we have a little quietness if you please." But the cheering went on, drowning further broadcasts of the message. Gradually, however, the crowd realised that there would be no further announcement from the Palace. The people began to disperse in orderly fashion, and soon all was quiet.

ON THIS DAY

November 15 1948

There were crowds outside Buckingham Palace throughout the day on which the future Prince of Wales was born

THE TIMES TODAY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15 1994

NEWS

Duty comes first, Major tells MPs

■ John Major issued a strong warning to Conservative MPs last night to put their parliamentary duties before any outside interests that they might hold.

In his sternest message to his own party since the cash-for-questions dispute began, the Prime Minister told MPs that while the Commons needed all trades and professions, it should not be a "hiring fair" .....Page 1

Loyalists asked to join peace talks

■ Britain intends to open exploratory talks with loyalist politicians before the end of the year, John Major announced, seeking to give fresh impetus to the Northern Ireland peace process. The Prime Minister made plain that preliminary discussions with Sinn Fein will go ahead soon, in spite of the murder of a postal worker in Newry last week .....Page 1

Princess returns

The Princess of Wales marked her return to public life by attending a reception as the patron of the British Red Cross Society's 125th anniversary celebrations ..... Page 1

NHS pay pressure

Ministers have intensified pressure on NHS pay review bodies not to recommend an automatic salary rise for more than 600,000 professionals ..... Page 1

Grobbelaar charged

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Election looms

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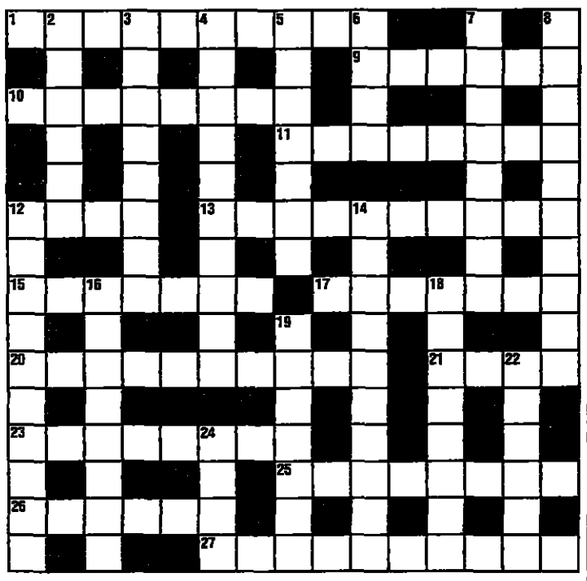
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Hampton, Cheshire 17C (63F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 7.52in. Highest sunshine, Folkestone Kent, 1.7hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy with showers. Western parts, particularly North Wales and the Lake District, will have more frequent showers, some of them fairly heavy. More sheltered inland regions and eastern counties will have fewer, generally lighter, showers, and some parts could stay dry.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will also have showers, again heaviest and most frequent in places exposed to the west. Some eastern regions will stay dry. It will be mild but windy, with gales in exposed western places.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Channel Isles,** any early rain clearing, clear or sunny spells with a few showers, dying out later. Wind southwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **E Midlands, E England, Central N England, NE England:** bright at first, a few showers later. Wind southwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** showers, some heavy. Wind southwesterly, strong. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** bright at first, showers. Wind southwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** showers, some heavy. Winds southwesterly, mainly strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** showers, some heavy. Wind westerly, strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** winds dying down slowly, showers, mostly in the west. Temperatures will be closer to the seasonal average.

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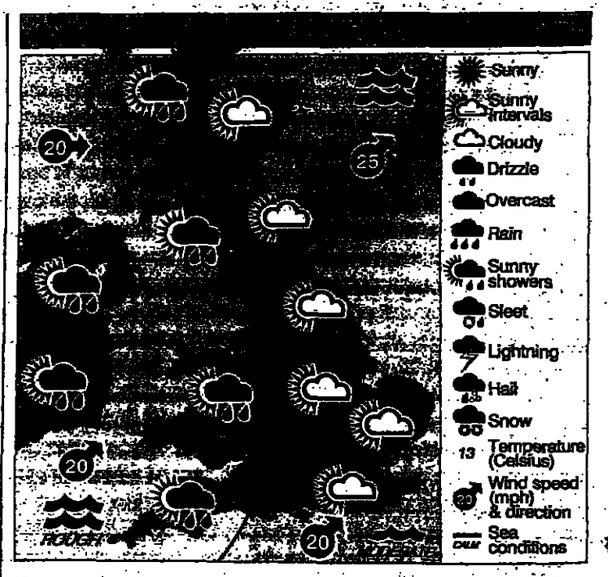
24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; du=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	A					London	0.1	0.02	15	59	c
Anglesey	-	0.09	14	57	sh	Lowestoft	0.3	0.13	14	57	c
Aspatria	-	0.81	13	55	r	Manchester	-	0.08	15	59	r
Aviemore	1.2	0.18	12	54	r	Margate	X	0.20	14	57	d
Belfast	-	0.66	14	57	r	Minehead	-	-	17	63	c
Bognor R	-	-	14	57	du	Morecambe	-	0.78	14	57	r
Bournem'th	-	0.01	14	57	d	Newcastle	-	0.24	15	59	r
Bristol	0.1	-	16	61	c	Newquay	X				
Buxton	-	0.15	13	55	r	Norwich	0.4	0.06	14	57	d
Cardiff	-	0.02	15	59	c	Nottingham	0.3	0.02	14	57	c
Clacton	0.2	0.26	12	54	c	Oxford	-	-	15	59	du
Colwyn Bay	-	0.06	16	61	r	Penzance	-	0.01	14	57	d
Cromer	-	0.12	15	59	c	Plymouth	-	0.01	13	55	d
Doncaster	0.2	-	15	59	c	Poole	-	0.01	14	57	d
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	17	63	d
Eastbourne	-	0.07	14	57	d	Ross-o-wye	-	-	15	59	c
Edinburgh	-	0.39	15	59	r	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	1.52	13	55	r	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	-	-	15	59	du	Sandown	-	-	14	57	c
Falmouth	X	0.01	14	57	du	Saunton Snd	-	0.01	14	57	c
Fishguard	-	0.16	14	57	r	Scarboro'	-	0.15	14	57	du
Folkestone	1.7	0.19	13	55	c	Scilly Isles	-	0.01	14	57	fg
Glasgow	-	0.55	15	59	r	Shanklin	X				
Guernsey	-	-	15	59	c	Shrewsbury	-	0.14	16	59	r
Hastings	0.9	0.03	13	55	d	Southend	-	0.06	14	57	du
Hayling I	-	0.01	14	57	d	Southport	-	0.05	15	59	r
Herne Bay	0.7	0.24	14	57	c	Southsea	-	-	14	57	c
Hove	-	-	14	57	c	Stornoway	1.4	0.60	11	52	r
Hunstanton	-	0.07	14	57	du	Swanage	-	0.01	14	57	d
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	-	0.01	15	59	d
Isle of Man	-	0.33	14	57	r	Tenby	-	0.08	14	57	c
Jersey	-	-	14	57	c	Tiree	1.6	0.54	13	55	c
Kinloss	0.4	0.12	13	55	c	Torquay	-	0.02	15	59	d
Leeds	0.2	-	15	59	c	Tynemouth	-	X	15	59	du
Lerwick	-	1.10	9	48	r	Ventnor	-	0.01	14	57	du
Leuchars	-	0.45	14	57	r	West-s-mare	X				
Llandrindod	-	-	14	57	c	Weymouth	-	-	14	57	c
Liverpool	-	0.02	15	59	r	These are Sunday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	13	55	s	C phagn	10	50	r	Madrid	13	55	s
Alicante	21	70	s	Corfu	19	66	s	Majorca	20	68	s
Alexandria	33	73	c	Dublin	13	55	f	Malaga	20	68	s
Algiers	20	68	f	Dubrovnik	16	61	s	Malta	21	70	s
Amst'dm	15	59	r	Faro	20	68	s	Melb'rne	20	68	f
Athens	15	59	c	Florence	11	52	s	Mexico C	21	70	s
Bahrain	27	81	s	Frankfurt	12	54	r	Miami	26	79	f
Bangkok	32	90	s	Funchal	21	70	f	Milan	9	48	fg
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	11	52	f	Montreal	8	46	s
Barcelona	18	64	s	Gibraltar	18	64	f	Moscow	-5	23	s
Beirut	22	72	f	Helsinki	-1	30	f	Munich	13	55	s
Belgrade	4	39	f	Hong K	27	81	s	Naples	19	66	s
Berlin	12	54	r	Innsbruck	7	45	f	N Delhi	27	81	s
Bermuda	22	72	r	Istanbul	9	48	f	N York	14	57	c
Biarritz	18	64	s	Jeddah	34	93	s	Nice	17	63	s
Bonda'st	17	63	s	Jo'burg	22	72	s	Oslo	1	34	c
Brussels	13	57	r	Karachi	31	88	f	Paris	13	55	d
Budapst	4	39	s	L Palmas	22	72	c	Peking	3	37	c
B Aires	21	70	s	Le Touet	14	57	f	Perth	28	82	s
Cairo	25	77	f	Lisbon	15	59	s	Prague	11	52	f
Cape Tn	19	66	f	Locarno	12	54	c	Reykjavik	1	34	s
Chicago	17	63	c	L Angels	16	61	s	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	13	55	s	Luxembg	10	50	d	Rio de J	26	79	f
Cologne	12	57	r	Luror	28	82	s	Riyadh	31	88	s
								Rome	18	64	s
								Salzburg	12	54	f
								S F'isco	12	54	s
								Santiago	27	81	s
								S Paulo	30	86	r
								Seoul	10	50	f
								Sing'por	32	90	f
								St'kholm	3	37	r
								Strasb'rg	12	54	f
								Sydney	-	-	
								Tangier	20	68	s
								Tel Aviv	21	70	f
								Tenerife	22	72	f
								Tokyo	11	52	c
								Toronto	10	50	c
								Tunis	21	70	f
								Valencia	19	66	s
								Vanc'ver	7	45	f
								Venice	14	57	s
								Vienna	2	36	s
								Warsaw	-1	30	c
								Wash'ton	18	64	s
								Wel'ngton	16	61	c
								Zurich	10	50	s

Temperatures at midday local time, X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: high M keeps its central pressure; low A drifts east and starts to fill; Scandinavian low pressure area R and Z starts to drift east



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Aberdeen	11.37	4.0	11.41	4.0	Lowestoft	7.45	17.4	8.04	17.6
Avonmouth	4.54	11.8	5.18	12.2	Margate	9.58	4.4	10.32	4.5
Belfast	9.01	3.1	9.17	3.2	Mostyn (Dee)	4.06	8.0	4.46	8.4
Cardiff	4.47	10.91	5.01	11.28	Newquay	3.05	6.2	3.28	6.4
Devonport	3.36	4.8	3.51	5.0	Oban	3.49	3.5	4.09	3.7
Dover	9.08	6.5	9.32	6.4	Peterhead	2.01	4.3	2.30	4.1
Falmouth	3.06	4.7	3.14	4.8	Portland	4.31	1.8	4.44	1.8
Glasgow	11.00	14.8	11.28	14.7	Portsmouth	9.31	17.4	9.57	17.6
Harwich	9.31	3.7	10.01	3.8	Scarborough	9.31	8.7	9.44	8.7
Holyhead	8.31	5.1	8.39	5.2	Stornoway	9.21	11.7	9.44	12.2
Hull	4.05	6.66	4.45	6.64	Southampton	9.59	14.6	10.22	14.8
Ilfracombe	3.50	8.19	4.10	8.52	Swansea	4.15	9.4	4.50	9.8
King's Lynn	4.10	6.0	4.49	6.0	Tees	7.39	7.8	8.01	7.8
Leith	12.08	6.0	12.48	5.0	Wilton-on-Ness	9.29	9.5	10.00	10.0

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Sun rises: 7.18 am — Sun sets: 4.12 pm

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15 1994

BAe wins US order worth up to £270m

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Aerospace has secured orders and options for up to 60 aircraft worth £270 million from its loss-making Jetstream Aircraft business in Scotland.

Trans States Airlines, of the United States, has placed firm orders for 25 30-seat Jetstream 41 planes, and taken options to acquire 35 more. The order was won in the face of intense competition from Embraer of Brazil, which has dominated recent purchases by American feeder airlines.

Production at the Jetstream plant, which is expected to lose £120 million this year, is likely to double next year to around 30 planes as a result of the Trans States deal.

British Aerospace refused to say what impact the order would have on the rate of losses at the plant at Prestwick, Strathclyde, or whether the jobs of the 2,100 workers would be secured in the longer term. However, Jetstream has been considering making 150 of its workers redundant and has delayed the decision in the hope of winning the Trans State order. For the time being at least, those jobs look secure.

But the contract will hugely strengthen the hand of BAe directors in talks aimed at finding a joint-venture partner for the business to stem the losses. Discussions over a possible merger have been going on with Avions de Transport Régionale, a joint company between Aérospatiale of France and Alenia of Italy, and with Saab of Sweden, for more than a year.

In selecting the Jetstream 41, Trans States has also provided the BAe division with an valuable endorsement of a plane the development of which was completed less than two years ago.

Trans States, based in St Louis, Missouri, already operates 33 Jetstream Super 31 planes built by British Aerospace. The 19-seater is the best-selling civil plane built by BAe: 381 have been sold or delivered worldwide.

The president of Trans States, Hulas Kanodia, said: "Our analysis indicates the Jetstream 41 has the lowest operating cost of any 30 seat aircraft." Equally significant, the British plane was chosen in preference to a further purchase of Embraer Brasilia aircraft, a 30-seat type already operated by Trans States whose state-funded makers have been accused of buying market share through rock-bottom pricing.

BAe last night insisted that the Trans States order would be profitable. The airline has clearly extracted a good deal on price. The average price to Trans States is $6.75 million a plane, compared with a guide price of $7 million a year ago. BAe will arrange lease finance for the aircraft, although the contract will be structured to ensure any loss is written off at the outset.

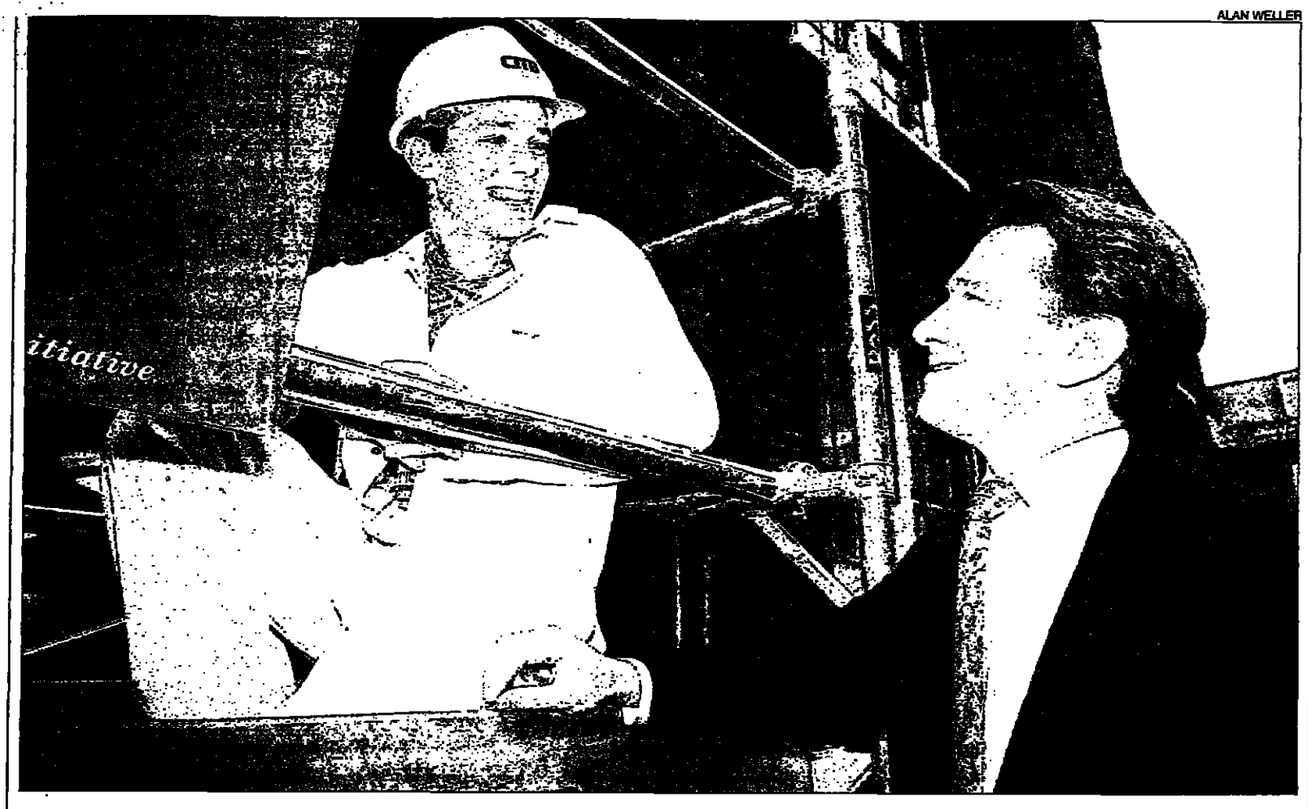
Jetstream will also guarantee that its planes will provide the lowest operating costs in its class. But BAe insists there is no danger that the deal will cause losses of the kind that triggered a £250 million write-off at Jetstream earlier this year. Allan MacDonald, the managing director of Jetstream Aircraft, said the deal had been won "in the midst of fierce competition".

The first delivery to Trans States is scheduled for January. The rest of the planes will be delivered next year and the year after.

The Jetstream order reflects steady recovery in BAe's civil aircraft operations after a slump into losses. British Aerospace Airbus has swung into profit, while Avro, the regional jet business, has halted losses and secured a breakthrough order from Lufthansa, the German carrier.

The order for 25 Jetstream 41 aircraft, announced amid typical internal confusion by BAe, is a critical step in the right direction. If Trans States Airlines confirms its options for 35 more, BAe's Prestwick plant will have two years steady work

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ALAN WELLER

MICHAEL Portillo, the Employment Secretary, meets Derek Murphy, 19, a trainee painter and decorator who will be one of those to benefit from a training strategy for the construction industry that was launched in London yesterday. The initiative was devised in response to Government demands for a new era of work training.

Training scheme aims to build new era of construction skills

The strategy, drawn up in the face of recession and changes in the education system, has been adopted as official policy by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), chaired by Sir Clifford Chetwood. The policy includes six flexible routes for training, from full-time college courses to vocational training and work experience. The scheme embraces the increase in training places that is expected until 2000, in line with an anticipated growth of 1 per cent a year in construction output. It took two years for construction training and education experts to develop the scheme and involved two industry-wide consultations.

Kevin Barron, Labour's spokesman on training, welcomed the move, which, he added, met Labour's concerns over the quality of the Government's Youth Training Scheme.

Boots confirms pharmaceuticals disposal to BASF

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE Boots Company confirmed yesterday that it is selling its pharmaceutical arm to BASF, the German chemical and drugs combine, for £850 million, ending months of intense speculation.

BASF outbid a management consortium backed by Robert Fleming, the merchant bank, which offered £800 million. However, a spokesman for the consortium said last night that it was not out of the running, although it is unlikely to come back with a higher bid.

The news will cause concern in Nottingham, where Boots is the biggest employer. The company would not be drawn on the future of the division's 6,000 employees, 1,500 of whom work in the UK.

MSF, the union for skilled and professional workers, said: "We are concerned that such an innovative industry with such a secure future is leaving UK hands."

Sir James Blyth, Boots's chief executive, said the deal offered exciting prospects for expansion. Dr Thorlef Spickschen, chief executive of BASF Pharma, said the two businesses were a very good strategic fit, therapeutically and geographically.

Boots said no decision had been made on giving the sale proceeds to shareholders in the form of a one-off special dividend payment. However, Sir James has made clear he does not object to giving money back to investors. The deal will be earnings dilutive this year and next.

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High street sales fall for first time in two years

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

HIGH street sales fell last month for the first time in almost two years, the Confederation of British Industry says today.

The Government will later this week announce the latest retail sales figures, which City forecasters believe will show that sales growth this month is likely to be steady.

The CBI's survey of 15,000 outlets in retailing, wholesaling, and the motor trades, taken at the end of last month, suggests retail sales in the year to October have fallen back.

The latest CBI distributive trades survey shows a slight fall in the volume of retail sales, with a negative balance — those reporting an increase in sales set against those registering a fall — of minus 3 per cent of high street companies saying sales were down over the year. The CBI says 34 per cent of retailers reported higher sales volumes last month, compared with the same month a year ago, while 37 per cent said they were lower.

This negative balance is the first actual fall in high street sales volumes since a balance of minus 4 per cent in December 1992, although CBI economists emphasise that the relatively slight dip in one month's figures did suggest a flattening of sales, rather than a significant absolute decline. In September, a balance of 27 per cent of high street traders were expecting an increase in sales volumes.

Expectations for sales over the next month have been cut back to a balance of 19 per cent, but CBI officials point out that retailers' expectations have not been fully realised in seven of the past ten months. While most retail sectors reported at least some sales growth, the largest volume increases were in footwear, together with durable household goods and off-licences.

Annual declines were seen in furniture retailing, carpets and specialist food sellers. Sales remain below average for the time of year for most retailers. Orders placed with suppliers remain flat, while stock levels are still excessive in relation to expected demand.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, says: "The levelling off in high street trade in October is typical of the uneven pattern in sales experienced by most retailers throughout this year. It shows the uncertain trading conditions that retailers still face."

Motor traders say that in the year to October, sales volumes fell further than expected.

Producer prices fuel rate rise fears

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

FACTORY gate prices and the prices manufacturers pay for raw materials rose less than expected last month, but the underlying trend signalled higher inflation in the months ahead.

Although the underlying picture from the producer price data published yesterday fuelled City economists' concern about inflationary pressure and the need for a further interest rate rise, analysts expect Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to delay any base rate move until after the Budget, probably until next year.

The headline producer price figures showed factory gate prices rising a provisional 0.1 per cent in October, below market forecasts, after an 0.2 per cent September rise, leaving the year-on-year increase steady at 2.3 per cent.

But the core measure of output, prices, which excludes food, drink, tobacco and petrol, rose 0.4 per cent last month, for the second month running, pushing the year-on-year increase up to 2.3 per cent from 2.1 per cent.

On the input side, manufacturers saw the headline price of raw materials and fuel rise 0.1 per cent last month, the smallest monthly gain since January, after an 0.8 per cent jump in September. The year-on-year rate was up to 6.9 per cent from 6.2 per cent.

Market forecasts for retail price inflation in October centre on a rise of 0.3 per cent, with a year-on-year increase of 2.6 per cent, in part reflecting September's half point rise in base rates. The underlying annual rate is expected to be steady at 2 per cent.

VSEL bid threatens jobs, unions say

BY PHILIP BASSETT

TRADE union leaders said yesterday that a takeover of the VSEL warship yard in Barrow would lead to up to 20,000 job losses in the shipbuilding and fitting industries, and called on the Government to refer the sale to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

British Aerospace and GEC are both bidding for the yard in Barrow, which makes Trident nuclear submarines.

Defence industry trade unions claimed yesterday that a takeover would lead to only one Royal Navy dockyard and one private warship yard surviving because a single company would dominate ship-building and ship-refitting in the UK.

Jack Dromey, who chairs a grouping of six unions with members in the Ministry of Defence, said a takeover would be disastrous, with "only a rump of a once-great industry" likely to survive under the ownership of a monopoly.

Coca-Cola launches £4m UK campaign

BY JON ASHWORTH

COCA-COLA has embarked on a £4 million television advertising campaign — one of the biggest ever seen in Britain — in what will be seen as a direct attack on supermarket copycat brands.

The six-week campaign, which opened last night, is part of an attempt to boost the size of the £6 billion-a-year UK soft drinks market. Fierce competition from brands such as Sainsbury's Classic Cola and Virgin Cola, backed by Richard Branson, have dented sales at certain outlets.

The drinks giant denies the new advertisements are a response to the "cola wars" that have raged in supermarkets this year, but admits to localised damage. George Bradt, consumer marketing director for Coca-Cola in the UK and Ireland, said: "We have a 108-year-old brand that is doing very nicely thank you but needs to do better. My mission, our mission, is to grow our business."

Mr Bradt is one of 30 executives recruited to key posts around the world as part of a drive by Coca-Cola to focus on regions. The "one sight, one sound, one sell" theme seen in ads during the 1970s and 1980s has given way to a tailored approach.

The company claims third-quarter sales are up 21 per cent year on year, but admits to loss of custom at certain outlets. Sales fell sharply when Sainsbury's Classic Cola was launched in April.

Coca-Cola is not the only drinks giant to embark on an expensive marketing drive. Moët & Chandon, the world's top-selling champagne label, this week launches its first-ever advertising campaign at a rumoured cost of £1 million.

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Sales of the real thing have been dented by copycats

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3095.3	(+19.4)
Yield	4.12%	
FT-SE A All share	1537.31	(+6.92)
Nikkei	19261.45	(-22.91)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3822.33	(+20.86)*
S&P Composite	464.84	(+2.29)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(unq)
Long Bond	93¹⁄₃₂*	(...)
Yield	8.12%*	(...)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6¹⁄₁₆%	(6¹⁵⁄₁₆%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	101²⁵⁄₃₂	(101¹¹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5885*	(1.5969)
London:		
$	1.5883	(1.5995)
DM	2.4493	(2.4458)
FFr	8.4190	(8.4110)
SFr	2.0554	(2.0494)
Yen	155.92	(155.95)
£ Index	80.2	(80.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5405*	(1.5312)
FFr	5.3042*	(5.2640)
SFr	1.2945*	(1.2831)
Yen	98.17*	(97.73)
$ Index	62.2	(61.7)

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British Steel surges at half time

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH Steel is stepping up its search for opportunities to expand overseas after a strong first-half recovery. Pre-tax profits reached £159 million in the half to October 1, compared with £27 million during the same months of 1993.

Brian Moffat, the chairman and chief executive, said the outcome, the best since British Steel's record performance in 1990-91, reflected rising demand and prices in Britain.

British Steel is now running at 95 per cent capacity at its main UK plants. Mr Moffat said that with demand in Europe growing at 5 per cent a year, he expected to reach capacity constraints soon. The company, which now rivals Korean steelmakers for the title of the world's lowest cost producer, will invest enough to keep its UK plants world competitive, but direct investment in new capacity overseas.

Mr Moffat confirmed that the company is to build a direct reduction plant in the southern United States. The plant, on the Gulf of Mexico, will use natural gas to produce either 500,000 tonnes or a million tonnes of steel a year, depending whether the company buys one furnace or two.

The plant will complement a £97 million investment by British Steel to equip its Tuscaloosa Steel Corporation mini-mill in Alabama for both steelmaking and continuous casting.

With developing countries accounting for 43 per cent of world demand, and demand growth there running at 5 to 7 per cent a year, British Steel is also acutely aware that the best growth opportunities may lie in Pacific Asia. It sold 800,000 tonnes of structural steel there last year.

Expansion of overseas sales is also taking place through the recovery of Avesta Sheffield, the stainless steel specialist where British Steel lifted its stake this year to 49.9 per cent. During the first half, Avesta Sheffield and United Engineering Steels, owned jointly with GKN, contributed £41 million, compared with an £8 million loss last time.

Mr Moffat said British Steel is determined to continue with its lawsuit against the European Commission, which is designed to block any further subsidy to state-owned producers in continental Europe.

He was encouraged by the tough line taken by Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, against revised plans for subsidies to Eko Stahl, the East German producer.

A sharp rise in the dividend reflects confidence in the recovery. The interim payout will be 2.0p (0.5p).

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Brian Moffat, left, and *Philip Hampton, finance director, will direct investment in new capacity overseas*

Pit unemployment figures disputed

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

UNEMPLOYMENT in coalfield areas affected by pit closures is almost double the officially recorded level, a government-funded study will show today.

The findings of the academic study, announced the day before Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, discloses the latest national unemployment figures, will point up the jobs hardship caused by the Government's and British Coal's programme of pit closures.

At a Regional Studies Association conference in London on unemployment and social exclusion, the study's authors will claim that the real rates of male unemployment in coalfield areas are more than 10 percentage points higher than those indicated by the Department of Employment's figures. Professor Stephen Fothergill and Christina Beatty, of Sheffield Hallam University, *will suggest that in pit* villages themselves, real unemployment rates are even higher.

Using figures from the 1991 census, updated to allow for subsequent rises in unemployment, the research concludes that average real male unemployment in the coalfields is running at 22.5 per cent, compared with 12.4 per cent indicated by the official *figures.*

The study, funded by the Government's Economic and Social Research Council, shows that average real unemployment in pit villages is standing at 26.7 per cent, as against 14 per cent in figures from the Employment Department.



Disclosure order made on Lloyd's cover

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

LLOYD'S of London underwriters have been ordered to disclose the amount of money available to meet litigating names' court awards.

The total cover available is unknown and estimates vary from as little as £800 million to as much as £2 billion. So far, 17,000 names are trying to recover losses of up to £3.5 billion.

Mr Justice Phillips yesterday told the errors and omissions (E&O) underwriters, who provided insurance cover to the Lloyd's agents being sued by names, that they had one week to provide the bulk of the information and a further 14 days to deliver the balance. The underwriters have the right to appeal.

The amount of E&O cover available is an important piece of information for litigating names. There are concerns that the so-called E&O pot will be exhausted by the first successful legal actions, such as Gooda Walker, leaving little for the late litigants.

The E&O issues are set to be heard on December 12, followed by an interim payment hearing early next year.

However, before Mr Justice Phillips ordered the disclosure, the E&O insurers stated that if forced to provide the information, they would abandon proceedings. That would enable the interim payment hearing to take place on December 12.

Ernst & Young

Arthur Young, the auditor of Magnet, the fitted kitchens and bedrooms retailer, says it is not expecting to make any payment towards the damages of £1 billion, detailed in yesterday's paper.

We apologise to the company, now part of Ernst & Young, for this error. Bankers lost about £600 million when the £629 million buyout of Magnet in 1989 turned sour.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.05
Austria Sch	18.24	16.74
Belgium Fr	53.55	49.15
Canada $	2.283	2.103
Cyprus Cyp£	0.782	0.732
Denmark Kr	10.17	9.37
Finland Mkk	7.89	7.29
France Fr	8.92	8.22
Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	398.00	373.00
Hong Kong $	12.88	11.93
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	170.50	154.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.898	2.668
Norway Kr	11.28	10.46
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.34
Spain Pta	211.00	197.00
Sweden Kr	12.05	11.25
Switzerland Fr	2.18	2.00
Turkey Lira	refer	56663.0
USA $	1.688	1.558

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EVC sets price for global share offer

EVC, Europe's largest manufacturer of PVC, yesterday revealed that it was pricing its global offering of shares at 77 Dutch guilders (£28.10) each, at the higher end of the 70-80 range indicated earlier. At the price of 77 guilders the international offer is said to be three times covered. The whole company is valued at 1,126 million guilders. The global offering includes a retail offering in The Netherlands which commences today and closes on Thursday afternoon at 3pm. Allocations will be announced on Friday and first dealings in the shares are expected in Amsterdam on November 21. The shares are also expected to be traded on the London Seaq International share trading system.

EVC is jointly owned by ICI and Italy's EniChem. They plan to reduce their holding to 40 per cent. ICI will raise $97 million from the offer. EVC was created by a 1986 merger of EniChem and ICI PVC plant in Britain, Germany and Italy. Warburg and UBS are co-ordinating the global offering.

US rate rise expected

AMERICAN markets braced themselves for a half point rise in US short-term interest rates today. Wall Street economists expect the Federal Reserve to decide on the sixth rate increase this year at its policy-making open markets committee. Some analysts are concerned that the Fed would be acting with unwarranted haste if it were to sanction a further increase. The Fed funds rate has been increased by 1.75 percentage points since American rates started to rise again in February. Yesterday, Fed funds were trading at 5.25 per cent, half a percentage point above the official target rate.

EU bank chiefs to meet

EDDIE George, the Governor of the Bank of England, will attend the first monthly council session of the European Monetary Institute (EMI), the embryonic European Central Bank, in Frankfurt today. The governors of the 12 EU central banks will be joined by their counterparts from Austria, Sweden, Finland and Norway, which could soon be members of the EU. Alexandre Lamfalussy, the Belgian president of the EMI, has underlined the need for the institute to assert its political independence.

Siebe in $90m purchase

SIEBE, the British engineering company, is expanding its American operations with the $90 million acquisition of Triconex Corp, a California supplier of safety shutdown systems for the chemical, refining, oil and gas production, and utility industries. The offer, worth $17.75 a share, has been unanimously endorsed by Triconex's board, and Siebe expects to launch a cash tender offer to effect the deal. Triconex, founded in 1983, made net earnings of $5.2 million, on sales of $48.8 million, in the year to September 1994.

Wardle pegs payout

WARDLE Storeys, the manufacturer of safety and survival equipment, is holding the total dividend at 17.25p a share, with a 12.25p final, after returning profits virtually unchanged at £8.2 million for the year to August 31, against £8 million. Earnings rose to 23.9p a share from 21.7p. The dividend is payable on January 5. Profits benefited from a £1.5 million exceptional profit from the sale of surplus land, which partly offset a further decline in investment income to £1.4 million from [illegible].

Chrysler challenged

CHRYSLER Corporation's largest shareholder, Kirk Kerkorian, announced plans to increase his 9% stake in the company and demanded that the board take steps to boost the stock price. Mr Kerkorian called for an increase in the quarterly dividend, a two-for-one stock split and a programme to buy back shares. He said he would consider a takeover. "If by December 15, the board has not taken action . . . I intend to take all appropriate steps to pursue these proposals, including legal action to invalidate the poison pill," he said.

Renold advances

ORDERS have risen markedly at Renold, maker of industrial gears and chains. The interim dividend in the six months to October 1 is 1.2p (0.7p) on profits of £4.6 million (£2.4 million). Earnings improved to 5.5p (2.9p). The shares rose 4p to 178p. Turnover rose 8 per cent to £70.9 million. David Cotterill, chief executive, said an improvement in operating margins, to 7.8 per cent (5.5 per cent), before redundancy costs, showed the beneficial effect of additional volumes on a reduced cost base after extensive restructuring.

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☐ A milestone week for British Gas ☐ Welcome boost for BAe ☐ Visa becomes David to corporate Goliaths

British Gas's dash for direct debit

☐ And so we lurch into a milestone week for British Gas. Tomorrow heralds the Queen's Speech, complete with legislative proposals to introduce the tortoise Gas Bill which, in the last political lap, finally overtook Post Office privatisation: Michael Heseltine's favoured hare.

It is no secret that legislation, aimed at the introduction of widespread competition into the domestic gas market by 1998, is on the way. What requires clarification is whether serious and comprehensive legislation is envisaged, or merely the creation of something akin to an Ofgas Enabling Act, designed to confer greater powers on Clare Spottiswoode's regulatory quango. Of particular importance, not least to British Gas's 2 million shareholders, will be the calibre of measures proposed to prevent independent suppliers from cherry picking the most lucrative customers. Will social costs be shared across the domestic market?

Just for good measure, tomorrow also heralds British Gas's third-quarter results. Impressive reading, if only because of the sheer scale of the anticipated loss, is well nigh guaranteed. British Gas's profits tend to be confined to the cold first and fourth quarters and City analysts are predicting a third-quarter deficit in the range of £200 million to £240 million, compared with 1993's corresponding £225 million. The recent third-quarter message from BP that "UK gas sales were lower with reduced British Gas offtakes because of warmer weather" was hardly encouraging.

Much more intriguing, however, is speculation that before the week is out, British Gas's 18 million customers may hear word on the sensitive subject of prices. Judging from the replies given by Richard Giordano, British Gas's chairman, to the Trade and Industry Select Committee last month, the emphasis will be on price alterations, rather than the admitted prospect of "modest increases", in view of the decision to launch a major drive to promote payment by direct debit.

Giordano's message was that a modest price increase would be accompanied by "very attractive" discounts for those who pay promptly. Discounts, according to Giordano, would initially focus on direct debit schemes but, by next year, similar discounts would be available to those who shy away from direct debit or do not have bank accounts but pay promptly.

Giordano, in his evidence, stressed that significant cross-subsidies are built into the system, the largest of which relates to "who pays and who does not pay". In his words: "We already have 3 million customers who pay on direct debit — the most efficient means of collecting our money — but we have as many as 6 million customers who pay either slowly or do not pay or become debt problems." The latter are costly. And, of course, there are those (excluding the poor) who merely "play the system". What British Gas is mulling over is a change in the rules.



Jetstream flies into the big league

☐ ALMOST every country in the world with industrial pretensions seems determined to develop a civil aircraft industry. In Britain, the battle to save the remnants of what was once a world-leader continues.

The order for 25 Jetstream 41 aircraft, announced yesterday by British Aerospace, is a critical step in the right direction. If the customer, Trans States Airlines, confirms its options for 35 more, then BAe's Prestwick plant will have two years steady work, starting in January. Until yesterday, only nine orders were outstanding, representing just six months' production. A decent, standardised, workflow should help transform the economics of the plant. Since manufacture of the plane's wing is also to be shifted back to Prestwick from Gulfstream in Oklahoma, it is clear that the factory is already cost-competitive, world-wide.

The problem of global overcapacity in civil turbo-props remains. But it is interesting to note that Embraer appears to have reached the limits of the Brazilian state's largesse, and failed to undercut BAe for a lucrative American contract.

The choice of Jetstream 41 by Trans States is also significant. This plane is a new variant, not yet two years old, struggling to win the dominance of its market place enjoyed by the smaller J31. Trans State's deal makes it a serious contender.

Endorsement of the J41, and an order worth up to £270 million should strengthen the hand of BAe's directors in their efforts to achieve rationalisation of an over-supplied industry by merging Jetstream with the Franco-Italian group Avions de Transport Régionale. The Jetstream 31 and 41, with 19 seats and 30 seats respectively, would fit neatly below the 50-seat ATR 42 and 74-seat ATR 72 to form a coherent range. The combination of ATR and Jetstream would create the most powerful alliance in the business turbo-prop sector.

And that might encourage Daimler Benz, parent of Dornier and Fokker, to talk more seriously about merging its regional jets with BAe's Avro International business. But outside Britain, national pride still counts for more than money in this business. Don't hold your breath.

Cash-flow card for small firms

☐ SMALL businesses have been pitting themselves against the bureaucratic might of the accounts departments of large corporations for long enough. Visa yesterday became the modern day, technology-driven David to the corporate Goliath, and may just have provided the beginning of the end of the small business's battle to get paid, with its new corporate charge card.

The policy of some large firms to delay the payment of their bills forced many suppliers out of business during the recession.

Large firms will now be able to pay for small purchases within three banking days — compared with the practice of putting their suppliers through the agonies of a 45-day (often longer) wait for payment.

Needless to say, Goliath does pretty well out of the deal too. The cost of tracking small payments to suppliers could be reduced by between 50 per cent and 70 per cent.

For the supplier there are costs to consider. They will have to balance the benefits of much improved cash flow against the payment of a "merchant fee" that will be due to the bank. NatWest, Barclays and Midland who are trialling the new corporate charge card will charge a merchant fee of between 2 per cent and 3 per cent of each transaction.

American Express, which has been offering a corporate charge card of its own to US customers, believes that there is no point in such a card until VAT information is included. That, Customs and Excise officials willing, should be available by the end of next year.

Long courtship

☐ NO ONE can accuse David Davies, chairman of Johnson Matthey, or Richard Oster, Cookson's chief executive, of rushing into their leaked plans for a £2.5 billion amalgam. Cookson's 8 per cent stake in JM was sold in 1990 and, by all accounts, a flirtation has been under way since 1991. Talks, we are told, are at a "relatively early stage". Presumably, one can't be too careful.

BSkyB priced at up to £4.6bn for flotation

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

BSKYB, the satellite television station, will make its stock market debut next month with a price tag of up to £4.6 billion. This will rank it among the 40 biggest publicly quoted companies in the country.

A fifth of the company — 343 million shares — is up for sale, and shares are expected to be priced at between 233p and 268p. The flotation comprises an international offer of 306.6 million shares and a UK retail offer of 36.4 million shares.

The UK portion of the deal will be open-priced, meaning that investors will apply for shares on the basis of the amount of money they wish to invest rather than the number of shares they want. The device is common in the US, but this is the first time it has been used in the UK for a retail offering.

Sam Chisholm, BSkyB's chief executive and managing director, said the company had transformed the face of television in Britain in recent years. "We are not a speculative new media investment. We have two years of positive and growing earnings under our belt. Our success will continue and even accelerate," he said.

BSkyB made operating profits of £170 million in the year to June 30, up from £62 million in the previous period and after the £47 million loss in the year before that. The popularity of subscription satellite television has grown rapidly and the company now has about 3.6 million viewers. Mr Chisholm said the company's strong record would continue in spite of increasing competition from cable operators.

The flotation will raise about £810 million, which together with a new £400 million bank facility will be used to repay shareholder debt. Chargeurs, the French group, is the only existing shareholder subscribing for new shares. Nevertheless, it will still see its stake slip from 17.5 to 17 per cent. The News Corporation, the ultimate parent of *The Times*, will hold 40 per cent after flotation, down from 50 per cent. Pearson's holding will be cut to 14 per cent, from 17.5 per cent, and that of Granada Group will fall to 11 per cent, from 13.5 per cent.

BSkyB said it does not intend to declare an interim dividend for the financial year ending June 30, 1995. The first payout will be the final dividend. Had its shares been listed for the whole of the year to June 30, 1994, it would have recommended a net dividend of 3.3p a share.

The prospectus shows that a bonus of £7.5 million will be paid to 11 current and former managers as a reward for their past contribution. Of this, £3.8 million will be shared between Mr Chisholm, Richard Brooke, the finance director, and David Chance, deputy managing director.

The shares will be listed in London and New York and dealings will start on December 8. Goldman Sachs is the lead manager of the global offer and, together with BZW Securities, is also joint broker to the UK retail offer.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Bart Simpson, of *The Simpsons*, and Sam Chisholm launch BSkyB's prospectus

Hedge fund losses hit RIT trust

RIT Capital Partners, the investment trust chaired by Lord Rothschild, tumbled to a £3.6 million pre-tax loss in the first half to September 30, after a £5.3 million fall in the value of its now-sold investment in Vajra hedge fund (writes Patricia Tehan).

The loss compares with a £4.4 million profit in the same period last year. It also includes £2.7 million interest on its $150 million fixed-rate finance raised in May.

RIT's net asset value dipped from 221.6p on March 31 to 222.1p on September 30. The trust does not pay an interim dividend. It said the first-half loss "will not affect future dividends".

Sketchley plans to build on 11 per cent profits rise

BY SARAH BAGNALL

DAVID Davies, chairman of Sketchley, the dry cleaning and photo processing group, yesterday gave warning that trading remained competitive and consumers cautious.

Unveiling an 11 per cent rise in half-year profits, Mr Davies said that although the first-half performance was solidly based, the "general retail environment in the UK remains unpredictable". To counter the market conditions, the group intends to strengthen its management team and wring out further cost savings.

Pre-tax profits rose from £3.6 million to £4 million in the six months to September 30. The increase was achieved on the back of a small fall in turnover from £75.6 million to £74.5 million. This reflected the closure of about 60 loss making retail branches during the year.

The interim dividend, which will be paid on December 21, was held at 1p, paid out of earnings of 4.5p a share, up from 4.4p last time. The shares closed unchanged at 99p.

The best performance was achieved by the group's textile services division, the works clothes business, which lifted operating profits from £2.2 million to £2.8 million on sales ahead £2.9 million at £28.2 million. Profits were helped by a four-month contribution of £400,000 from Warrender Aircraft Services, the cleaning company to the airline industry, acquired in April.

Profits from the retail division rose from £2.4 million to £2.8 million on reduced sales of £45.8 million, down from £48.9 million. The slide in sales reflected the branch closures.

The Warrender acquisition, coupled with higher working capital needs to fund growth, lifted net borrowings from £11.3 million at the year-end to £15.5 million. Gearing increased from 32 per cent to 42 per cent, but Mr Davies said it was expected to fall.

Eurotunnel steams ahead

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

SHARES in Eurotunnel, the Channel Tunnel operator, climbed 17p to 270p yesterday after the first Eurostar trains carrying fare-paying passengers between London and Paris arrived on time after hitch-free journeys.

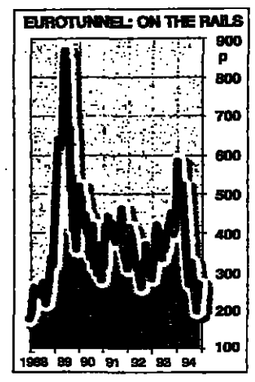
The Anglo-French company, which built the £10 billion Tunnel, also issued figures to show that revenues are finally trickling in. In the three months to September 30, the second quarter of commercial operations, freight services brought in £3.39 million, excluding VAT.

A series of embarrassing delays in opening the Tunnel for full freight and passenger services is expected to hold revenues down to about 75 per cent of projected levels this year. The Tunnel had been scheduled to open in March last year. As Eurotunnel only began commercial activities this year, no comparison with the third quarter last year was possible. In the second quarter this year, revenues were £2.3 million. The problems that beset the Tunnel and its trains caused Eurotunnel shares to be marked down from this year's peak of more than 592p to a low of 195p. Sentiment for the stock has, however, improved, as services have started to overcome their prolonged teething problems. The shuttle service to carry passenger cars between Calais and Folkestone has yet to open, having already missed the crucial summer season this. The shuttle service for trucks has been in service since the summer.

Sir Alastair Morton, the co-chairman of Eurotunnel, has insisted throughout the litany of troubles affecting his company that consumer and stock market perceptions of the venture would soon change for the better now that services were up and running.

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EUROTUNNEL: ON THE RAILS



Paper's claims knock Asprey

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHARES in Asprey, the jeweller, fell 11p to 146p yesterday after a weekend newspaper claimed the company was in financial difficulties and under pressure from its bankers.

Asprey denied the claims and has said that it will take legal action against *The Mail on Sunday*, which published the allegations. The article claimed that the company was in potential default on a £20 million loan and may face receivership. Asprey dismissed the allegations as "absurd".

The furore comes at a difficult time for the company. More than a third of its market value was wiped out in September after it was forced to issue a profits warning. Naim Attallah, chief executive, blamed the downturn on the loss of a few big-spending customers. "Many heads of states are not spending the kind of money they used to," he said, adding that there was little prospect of any upturn.

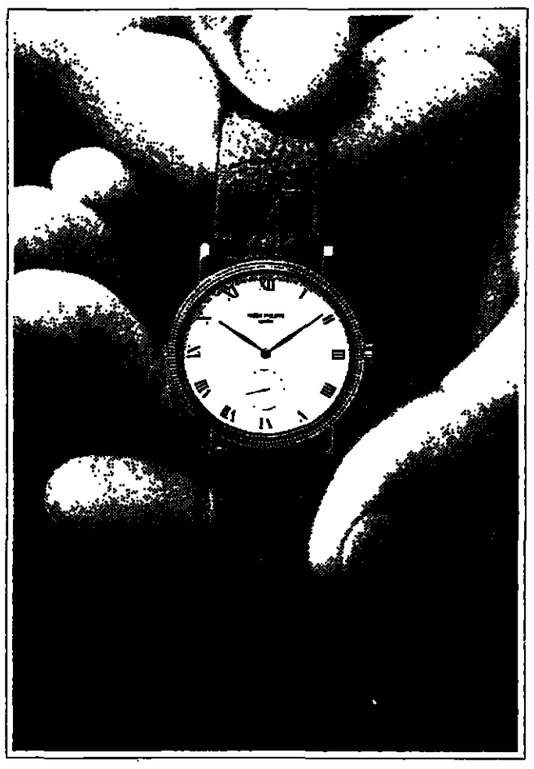
Although Asprey has sought to widen its customer base through acquisition, the company is still heavily dependent on a small group of wealthy clients. The Bond Street store probably has one of the most illustrious client lists of any retail establishment in the world. Customers have included Queen Victoria, the Sultan of Brunei and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia. Asprey also holds Royal Warrants from the Queen, the Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales.

The customers who walk through Asprey's elegant doors are not those who drive the company's profits. The real money comes from a group of 30 or 40 big buyers, including foreign governments and heads of state, who conduct their transactions in private. There are few customers who can afford a set of diamond and ruby jewels for £2 million or a bejewelled backgammon set at £175,000. The prices of commissioned items are even higher.

But as the booms in oil, property and the financial markets have come and gone in the past two decades, so has Asprey's elite band of wealthy customers.

The company has tried to counteract this by moving into a broader market, with the acquisitions of Mappin & Webb and Watches of Switzerland. However, both those companies have experienced difficulties in the past year.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Brokers' jobs in danger as turnover plummets

CITY folk were bracing themselves for a new round of job cuts as stock market volumes slumped to one of the lowest levels of the year.

By the close of business last night, a meagre 415 million shares had been traded, although the underlying figure proved to be even less. After stripping out a clutch of penny shares, *including 57 million in* **Regal Hotels**, unchanged at 1½p, 15 million in **Dragon Oil**, ¼p dearer at 2p, and 8.3 million in **Continental Foods**, steady at 2p, the true figure slips to about 335 million.

Brokers estimate that volume levels have to reach 700 million shares a day before they start to break even. The current investor apathy has been dragging on since the summer and has been responsible for a number of profit warnings in recent months from City houses such as **SG Warburg**, 3p easier at 644p, **Hambros**, 3p lighter at 215p, and **Sharelink**, unchanged at 191p. Most City firms are continuing to feel the squeeze and will soon be looking to *make further savings*.

Meanwhile, share prices spent much of the day marking time, with investors anxiously awaiting the outcome of today's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee to see if American interest rates will be raised. Despite further soothing comments about inflation and the US economy, there is growing concern that a half-point rise in interest rates may be inevitable.

However, the FT-SE 100 *index put in a late spurt*, encouraged by a firmer dollar and opening gains in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street, where investors appear to be taking a less pessimistic line on short-term prospects. The index closed at its best of the day, 19.4 up at 3,095.3.

Pilkington rallied 3p to 187p. There is still no sign of the 20 million shares said to have been placed by Cazenove, the broker, as part of a protective trade last week. A protective trade offers five working days before the dealings have to be registered, enabling the broker to safeguard his position. This suggests either Cazenove pulled the placing or still has the shares on its own book.

US buying was good for **Vodafone**, 9½p better at 217½p, while **BOC Group** firmed 6p to 710p before today's figfures. **Eurotunnel** rallied 17p to 270p celebrating the inaugural London to Paris passenger train to use the tunnel.

Hazlewood Foods slipped 2p to 123p as bid hopes faded. Reports over the weekend *suggest* **Unigate**, *1p easier at* 358p, may now be looking to bid for Dairy Crest instead.

Boots slipped 5¼p to 513p after confirming it is in talks with BASF, the German *chemicals group, about the* sale of its pharmaceutical division. The expected asking price is about £850 million, with the Germans having beaten off an £800 million offer from the company's own management. Boots decided to put its drugs business up for sale last year after withdrawing its Manoplax heart treatment from the market because of side affects. There is now speculation that the group will use the cash to distribute among its shareholders.

Asprey, the Bond Street jeweller, fell 11p to 146p in thin turnover after weekend *reports alleging the company* was in default on a £20 million loan, which may force it to call in the receiver. The company denied the claims, and intends to take legal action against one *Sunday newspaper*.

Cookson firmed 1p to 252p and **Johnson Matthey** added 10p to 581p after both companies admitted weekend reports that they were talking to each other about a possible merger. If the deal is concluded, it will be the biggest-ever agreed merger with the new company having a price tag of £2.5 billion. Talks between the industrial materials group and Johnson Matthey, which specialises in precious metals, are at an early stage.

British Aerospace has proved it is continuing to keep an eye on business while it battles for control of **VSEL**. The shares rose 2½p to 463½p after **BAe** won a £265 million order to supply 25 Jetstream 41 aircraft to Trans States Airlines. There is also an option on a further 35 aircraft. VSEL, which has received a £14 a share offer from **GEC**, were unchanged at £13.73. GEC fell 1p to 282p.

***British Steel** managed to* recover from early profit-taking to end 1p higher, at 159½p, after better than expected half-year figures. These showed pre-tax profits soaring from £27 million to £159 million boosted by price increases and a 6 per cent rise in sales volumes. Market estimates had ranged from £126 million to £150 million.

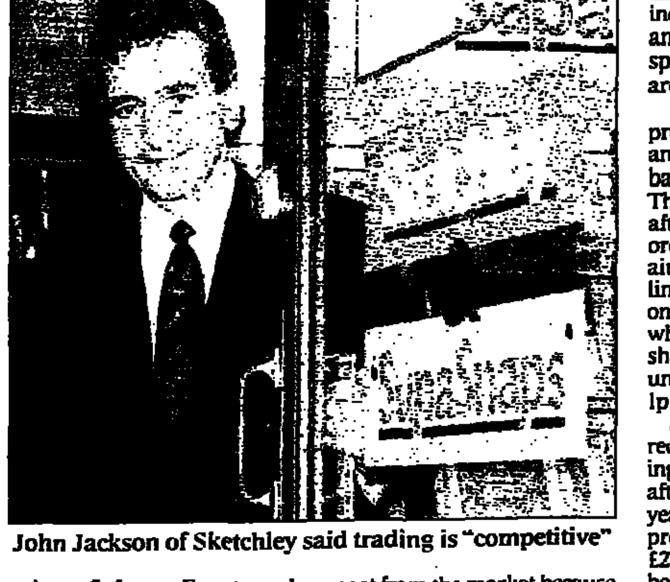
The results also benefited from increased productivity and a £41 million contribution from associate companies which is measured against a loss of £8 million last time. British Steel said it was continuing to lobby the European Commission about curbing state subsidies in the industry.

Sketchley held steady at 99p after John Jackson, chief executive, made some cautious comments about current trading, describing it as competitive. Pre-tax profits in the first half rose from £3.6 million to £4 million, short of City fore*casts, as the benefits of cost-*cutting began to filter through. The dividend was held at 1p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts saw an early lead eroded with investors unwilling to chase prices higher before today's FOMC meeting. But prices ended on a firm note, drawing encouragement from firmer US treasury bonds and the October producer prices. The December series of the Long Gilt finished £⅜ better at £101²³/₃₂ in thin trading with *only 28,000 contracts complet*ed. At the long end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was £⁷/₃₂ better at £103⅝, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ 1999 firmed three ticks to £103⁵/₁₆.

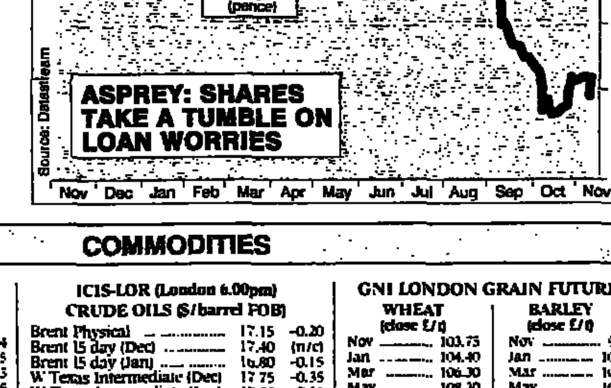
☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were boosted early on by a sharp rise in the dollar and held the gains at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 20.86 points at 3,822.33.

ALAN WELLER



John Jackson of Sketchley said trading is "competitive"

Vickers rose 4p to 186p on a buy recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite. The broker says the order book stands at £1.6 billion, compared with the company's £600 million capitalisation. Orders of Rolls-Royce cars are recovering and the reshuffle in defence could benefit Vickers.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3822.33 (+20.86)
S&P Composite	464.64 (+2.29)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19261.45 (-22.91)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9378.92 (+11.07)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	408.92 (+1.23)
Sydney:	
AO	1926.8 (-25.2)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2089.29 (+10.94)
Singapore:	
Straits	2326.94 (+4.35)
Brussels:	
General	7183.28 (+11.80)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1941.08 (-7.27)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	660.00 (-0.70)
London:	
FT 30	2379.7 (+14.7)
FT 100	3095.3 (+19.4)
FT-SE Mid 250	3538.1 (+1.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1347.63 (+5.92)
FT A All-Share	1537.31 (+6.92)
FT Non Financials	1657.31 (+6.57)
FT Gold Mines	257.4 (+1.3)
FT Fixed Interest	107.66 (-0.26)
FT Govt Secs	91.22 (+0.19)
Bargains	20677
SEAQ Volume	415.0m
USM (Datastrm)	154.53 (-0.1)
US$	1.5848 (-0.0147)
German Mark	2.4493 (+0.0048)
Exchange Index	80.2 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2818
£:SDR	1.0851
RPI 145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100	

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	6	...
Abtrust Latin Am	86	-1
Abtrust Latin Wts	53	-1
Adare Prntg	186	...
BZW Commodities (100)	88	...
BZW Commodities Wts	39	-1
Calluna	91	+3
Churchill China (280)	285	...
Ennemix (63)	66	...
Filtronic Comtek	147	-1
Games Workshop (115)	112	-2
Group Dv Cap Wts	23	...
Hambros Sml Asian	56	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	...
INVESCO Korea C	99	...
Irish Permanent (180)	216	-2
Prolific Inc A/L	487	-2
Servisair (135)	145	...
TLG (115)	124	+1
Tele-Cine Cell (170)	170	...
Whitchurch	60	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bullers n/p (20)	1	...
Kenwood App n/p (310)	25	...
Martin Int n/p (27)	3	...
Matthew Clark n/p (500)	18	+2
Novo n/p (26)	¼	...
Union Square n/p (5)	½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Lloyds	580½p (+13p)
Courtaulds	461p (+10p)
ICI	771p (+16p)
Johnson Matthey	581p (+10p)
ADT	740p (+30p)
Henderson Admin	988p (+18p)
Rolfe & Nolan	210p (+10p)
M&G	987p (+9p)
Glaxo	619p (+10½p)
FALLS:	
Wardle Storeys	371p (-24p)
Caffyns	245p (-23p)
Burmah Castrol	843p (-14p)
Asprey	146p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Metal merger

IF THE intended union between Johnson Matthey and Cookson group gets to the church door, the companies will no doubt tell us it is a marriage made in heaven. The pair have complementary interests in metals and, in their time, both have been down on their corporate knees. Today, profits are growing and their chief executives proclaimed the virtues of togetherness in a ceramics joint venture in March.

Each is led by a determined chief fighting for world leadership in his respective market, and both groups are determined to make their mark in the FT-SE 100 league table. After the handholding in March, the two have decided to forgo independence for the benefits of size — a strategy that was initially blessed yesterday with a fillip to both share prices.

What is unclear is whether a merger is the only way forward and, if so, what has prompted the matchmaking. A full merger may not be simple. Cookson is taking a hit to profits in the second half in order to implement the ceramics joint venture and there is every reason to suppose that a full merger *will have costs, not least in the delicate* department of dealing with joint customers.

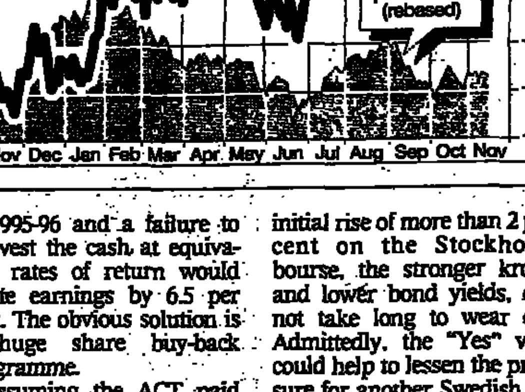
For shareholders, the key question is the respective value attributed to each company and where cost-savings are going to be achieved. For Johnson Matthey investors, the prospect of a merger could involve forgoing any *advantages* in linkage to platinum price for the benefits of loss of volatility in a wider group. Having suffered pain from corporate agrandisement in the 1980s, Cookson shareholders will want to be sure that there is more to this merger than critical mass.

British Steel

PRICES make all the difference to a steel producer and British Steel yesterday reported a firmer market and forecast 5 per cent growth in demand in this year. *It* is a story which has sent the company's shares soaring in the past year: resurgence in demand in Europe despite continuing subsidies that allow unprofitable producers to keep capacity high.

The steel market is now climbing the bottom rungs of recovery and forecasts of a peak in 1997 suggest BS could then be achieving profits of £800 million. On the current share price, the company is valued on 5-6 times 1997 earnings, a reasonable multiple given the high risk exposure of the industry.

British Steel is hoping for a major boost from the Tuscaloosa mini-mill which could produce an extra 1 million tonnes in the US, a market where steel prices are well ahead of Europe and still moving upwards. BS is also eyeing opportunities in Asia/Pacific, a fast-growing *market where it* exports 850,000 tonnes per annum. Such an investment — probably a joint venture — would require a different mind-set to the hands-on approach that BS adopts in the UK. The best news for investors would be a lengthening of the steel market cycle and hopes are being raised that growing consumption in emerging markets will keep this recovery running beyond 1997; but today's cynical share market is in no mood to daydream.



Boots

BOOTS has finally flushed out a buyer for its pharmaceuticals business at a sensible price but it now faces the bigger challenge of what to do with a heap of cash. Boots raised its liquid resources in the first half from £76 million to £145 million and there is every reason to assume that the cash mountain, boosted with a fat cheque from BASF, could hit £1.1 billion by the end of March.

The retailing group is highly cash-generative, mainly due to the success of Boots the Chemists, which *is* constantly improving its *sales densities while keeping* costs under control. The problem lies in how to reinvest that cash wisely with the company still smarting from criticism of its attempt to diversify into other retailing sectors with the acquisition of Ward White.

Loss of profits from pharmaceuticals could take £40 million from full-year profits in 1995-96 and a failure to reinvest the cash at equivalent rates of return would dilute earnings by 6.5 per cent. The obvious solution is a huge share buy-back *programme*.

Assuming the ACT paid out in a buy-back is fully recoverable, earnings should not suffer, but Boots still needs to convince the market that it deserves a rerating after losing the drug-induced drag on its price. In the long run that is achievable but a sluggish performance in gross margins at the interim stage did not help.

Sweden

When the flag-waving stops in Sweden the Europhilic majority who voted to take their country into the EU will soon find Sweden's problems have not gone away. The financial markets' response was predictably favourable. But even the earnest Nordic market is prone to change its mind quickly. The initial rise of more than 2 per cent on the Stockholm bourse, the stronger krone and lower bond yields, did not take long to wear off. Admittedly, the "Yes" vote could help to lessen the pressure for another Swedish interest rate rise and leave Swedish industry more competitive. But longer-term problems are undiminished.

Indeed, it could be argued that Sweden, through the European Economic Area agreement, already enjoys most of the long-term benefits of the single European market. EU membership will also mean additional budgetary burdens for the Swedes.

The core problem, to which markets will necessarily return, remains the budget deficit, expected to be 10.6 per cent of GDP this year. That leaves the Swedes with the double burden of cleaning up the household accounts as well as shouldering their share of Brussels' spending. All eyes will now be on their January budget.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	942-940	Mar	1036-1034
Mar	967-966	May	1047-1045
May	975-974	Jul	1056-1053
Jul	989-988	Sep	1067-1066
Sep	1002-1000		
Dec	1016-1014		Volume: 3083

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3370-3350	Jul	3325-3300
Jan	3405-3400	Sep	3295-3280
Mar	3365-3360	Nov	3285-3280
May	3335-3330		Volume: 4096

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	367.0-65.7
Spot: 395.50		Oct	341.0-38.0
Dec	367.0-65.0	Dec	340.0-34.6
Mar	381.0-80.0	Mar	340.5-34.1
May	376.0-74.5		Volume: 2315

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	72.20	102.46	116.78
(+/-)	-2.09	+3.52	+0.98
Eng/Wales	72.20	102.29	116.79
(+/-)	-2.09	+3.72	+0.67
(%)	-14.0	-8.0	+4.0
Scotland	unq	103.56	116.75
(+/-)		-2.18	+1.94
(%)		-11.0	-15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.15	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Dec)	17.40	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.80	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.75	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.80	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 172 (n/c)	O: 174 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	155 (-1)	157 (-1)
Non EEC IH Dec	157 (-1)	159 (-2)
Non EEC IH Jan	156 (-3)	159 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	104 (-2)	106 (+1)
Naphtha	170 (+1)	172 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	153.50-53.75	Mar	156.00 SLR
Jan	155.25-55.50	Apr	154.50 BID
Feb	156.00-56.25		Vol. 11268

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	17.39-17.41	Mar	unq
Jan	16.80 BID	Apr	
Feb	16.59 BID		Vol. 44164

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	103.75	Nov	99.25
Jan	104.40	Jan	101.50
Mar	106.30	Mar	103.50
May	108.30	May	105.00
Jul	110.25	Sep	92.50
Volume: 162		Volume: 8	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	243.5	244.5
May	unq	250.0
		Volume: 61

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Dec 81.25-81.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 94	1840	1835	1835
Dec 94	1800	1795	1795
Jan 95	1725	1700	1710
Apr 95	—	—	1645
Vol. 82 lots			Open Interest: 2769

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2740.0-2750.0	2692.0-2695.0	1902175
Lead ($/tonne)	662.50-664.00	681.00-681.50	221825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1151.0-1152.0	1176.5-1177.0	465175
Tin ($/tonne)	6175.0-6185.0	6270.0-6280.0	21980
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1847.5-1848.0	1866.0-1867.0	1951900
Nickel ($/tonne)	7385.0-7390.0	7520.0-7525.0	66600

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3078.0	3104.0	3065.0	3099.0	9539
Previous open interest: 58636	Mar 95				3115.5	0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.57	93.59	93.54	93.58	13605
Previous open interest: 500705	Mar 95	92.78	92.78	92.68	92.75	21079
	Jun 95	92.16	92.17	92.09	92.16	6532
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				93.97	0
Previous open interest: 4306	Mar 95				93.46	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.84	94.85	94.83	94.84	8266
Previous open interest: 707708	Mar 95	94.65	94.66	94.63	94.65	18623
Long Gilt	Dec 94	101-18	101-26	101-02	101-23	35728
Previous open interest: 103352	Mar 95	100-22	100-23	100-21	100-29	2040
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.75	107.75	107.66	107.69	1124
	Mar 95	107.06	107.06	106.97	106.99	924
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	90.18	90.42	90.10	90.28	96507
Previous open interest: 214617	Mar 95	89.42	89.43	89.20	89.36	5751
German Gov Bd Bobl	N/A					
Previous open interest: 0	N/A					
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.99	93.99	93.98	93.98	351
Previous open interest: 24331	Mar 95	93.62	93.63	93.60	93.63	369
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.96	95.98	95.96	95.97	723
Previous open interest: 46896	Mar 95	95.74	95.74	95.71	95.73	1312
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	101.53	101.74	101.46	101.63	20394
Previous open interest: 63189	Mar 95	100.50	100.68	100.40	100.66	1397

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 3½ Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth 5¾ . Sell: 2 mth 5¾ ; 3 mth: 5¾ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6-5¾	6⅛-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	6-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-7⅛
Interbank:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	6-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅛-6½	7⅛-7⅛

Overnight: open 5 . close 5 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	6	6½	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	4.28	n/a	4.73	5.05	5.65
Building Society CDs:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅛-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1994 Agreed rates Nov 26, 1994 to Dec 25, 1994 Scheme III: 7.23%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1994 to Oct 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.968%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-5⅛	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⅝	6⅛-5⅞	4⅞-3⅞
Deutschemark:	5-4⅞	5-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5-4
French Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5⅝	5⅛-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3⅛	3⅝-3⅝	3⅞-3¹³⁄₁₆	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $384.60-385.20 Close: $384.90-385.30 High: $384.80-385.30 Low: $384.40-384.90 AM: $384.90 PM: $385.10

Krugerrand: $384.50-386.50 (£242.25-244.25)

Platinum: $412.05 (£259.30) Silver: $5.19 (£3.275) Palladium: $156.40 (£98.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7437-2.7527	2.7472-2.7506	⅛pr-par	⅛-⅛pr
Brussels	50.34-50.56	50.34-50.45	5-1pr	15-7pr
Copenhagen	9.5570-9.5910	9.5580-9.5730	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Dublin	1.0165-1.0198	1.0169-1.0196	4-1pr	13-9pr
Frankfurt	2.4130-2.4551	2.4476-2.4510	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Lisbon	249.49-250.62	249.52-250.16	72-79ds	234-251ds
Madrid	203.56-204.22	203.63-203.93	30-39ds	95-107ds
Milan	2513.40-2521.80	2513.40-2516.70	5-6ds	14-17ds
Montreal	2.1499-2.1576	2.1546-2.1576	0.13-0.06pr	0.24-0.13pr
New York	1.5860-1.5900	1.5878-1.5888	0.05-0.03pr	0.10-0.08pr
Oslo	10.6890-10.7230	10.6920-10.7070	⅛-1⅛ds	2⅛-3⅛ds
Paris	8.4120-8.4460	8.4120-8.4260	⅛pr-par	1-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.4840-11.5550	11.5310-11.5550	1⅛-2⅛ds	4⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	155.79-156.43	155.79-156.06	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.22-17.29	17.22-17.26	1⅛-⅛pr	5⅛-2⅛pr
Zurich	2.0522-2.0588	2.0539-2.0569	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3306-1.3315
Austria	10.86-10.87
Belgium (Com)	31.74-31.77
Canada	1.3559-1.3564
Denmark	6.0290-6.0320
France	5.3080-5.3110
Germany	1.5440-1.5450
Hong Kong	7.7285-7.7290
Ireland	1.5540-1.5565
Italy	1585.3-1585.8
Japan	98.40-98.44
Malaysia	2.5615-2.5625
Netherlands	1.7308-1.7313
Norway	6.7435-6.7465
Portugal	157.40-157.50
Singapore	1.4740-1.4750
Spain	128.43-128.48
Sweden	7.2663-7.2763
Switzerland	1.2965-1.2975

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5836-1.5863
Australia dollar	2.1108-2.1132
Bahrain dinar	0.5935-0.6055
Brazil real*	1.3179-1.3220
Cyprus pound	0.7425-0.7525
Finland markka	7.3345-7.4505
Greece drachma	374.0-381.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.2597-12.2659
India rupee	49.40-50.36
Kuwait dinar KD	0.47-0.48
Malaysia ringgit	4.0625-4.0654
Mexico peso	5.4-5.5
New Zealand dollar	2.5567-2.5617
Pakistan rupee	48.18 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.897-6.023
Singapore dollar	2.3388-2.3411
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5127-6.5644
S Africa rand (com)	5.5825-5.5909
U A E dirham	5.778-5.902

Barclays Bank GTS • Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	194	Legal & Gn	931
ASDA Gp	11,000	Lloyds Bk	3,500
Abbey Natl	1,000	MEPC	450
Allied Dom	220	Marks Spr	2,000
Argyll Gp	2,900	NatWst Bk	2,400
Arjo Wiggn	596	Nat Power	1,100
AB Foods	357	Nth Wst W	148
BAA	2,500	P & O	441
BAT Inds	1,800	Pearson	331
BOC	262	PowerGen	313
BP	9,500	Prudential	1,700
BTR	4,000	RMC	102
BT	4,000	RTZ	1,700
Bk of Scot	4,400	Rank Org	2,000
Barclays	3,500	Reckitt Col	668
Bass	477	Redland	527
Blue Circle	1,600	Reed Intl	665
Boots	2,200	Rentokil	868
Bowater	1,700	Reuters	2,100
Brit Aero	510	Rolls Royce	2,100
Brit Airwys	4,800	Ryl Ins	1,900
Brit Gas	3,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000
Brit Steel	15,000	Sainsbury	3,200
Burmah Cast	316	Schroders	51
Cable Wire	5,800	Scot & New	321
Cadbury	650	Scot Power	1,000
Caradon	199	Sears	1,300
Carlton Cms	686	Svrn Trent	182
Cm Union	1,300	Shell Trans	4,400
Courtaulds	751	Siebe	724
De La Rue	408	SmKl Bch	4,600
Eastern Elec	87	Smith Nph	916
Enterpr Oil	269	Sthrn Elec	627
Forte	529	Std Chartd	1,000
GKN	369	Sun Allnce	1,100
GRE	387	TI Gp	206
GUS	824	TSB	2,000
Gen Acc	132	Tesco	5,400
Gen Elec	1,500	Thames W	453
Glaxo	4,100	Thrn EMI	1,100
Granada	2,000	Tomkins	2,000
Grand Met	1,000	Unilever	795
Guinness	4,900	Utd Bisc	385
HSBC	540	Vodafone	6,700
Hanson	7,100	Warburg (SG)	324
ICI	2,800	Wellcome	334
Inchcape	1,800	Whitbread	1,300
Kingfisher	813	Wlms Hld	1,400
Ladbroke	1,400	Wolseley	246
Land Secs	258	Zeneca	1,300

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	550	51	60½	67½	4½	11	14½
(*597)	600	17	30½	38	23	30½	42½
Argyll	260	16	24	29	8½	14	19
(*268½)	280	7	14½	19½	20	25	31
ASDA	60	6½	8½	9½	2½	4	5
(*65)	70	2	4½	5	7½	9	10
Boots	500	28	41	49	10½	16½	23½
(*512½)	550	7½	17½	25	41½	44	50
Br Airways	360	18½	30	36½	15	21	28
(*365)	390	7	17½	23½	33½	38½	45
BP	390	35½	42½	49½	4½	10½	14½
(*417)	420	16	24½	32½	14½	22½	27
Br Steel	140	18½	23	26	2	4	6
(*158)	160	6	11	15	9½	12½	15
C & W	360	32½	43½	50	5	15½	18½
(*384)	390	15½	28	34½	21½	29½	33
CU	543	27½	36	—	15½	31	—
(*551)	592	8½	16	—	49½	63	—
ICI	750	41½	55½	66	16½	34	41
(*769½)	800	17	31	43	42½	62	67½
Kingfshr	460	29½	43	47	12½	22	29
(*477½)	500	12	25	29	34	43½	51½
Land Sec.	600	26½	40	46½	10½	16½	27
(*617½)	650	6½	18	23	42½	44½	57
M & S	390	23½	33½	39	8½	13½	19½
(*401)	420	9	18½	23½	24½	29½	34½
Nat West	500	40	48	55	10½	26	31
(*521½)	550	17	24½	32½	36½	54½	59½
Sainsbury	390	29	41½	47½	8	14	20½
(*408½)	420	12	25	31½	21	28	35
Shell	700	24	34½	42½	17	31	36
(*701½)	750	5	15	22	50	63½	67
Smkl Bch	390	37½	46	52½	6	13	17½
(*418½)	420	18	29	36½	17	25½	30½
Storehse	200	18	22½	26	4½	6	7½
(*214½)	220	6½	11½	15½	12½	15	17½
Trafalgar	80	5½	8½	10½	4	6½	7½
(*81½)	90	2	4½	6½	10½	12	13½
Unilever	1100	45½	66½	78½	20	38½	49½
(*1122½)	1150	21½	41	54	47	65½	76½
Zeneca	850	41½	57½	69	22	40	47½
(*864)	900	20	33½	46	50	68½	70
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	20	29½	37	1½	13½	17½
(*406)	420	3	14	22½	14½	30	33
Ladbroke	140	13½	19	22	0	3	7
(*153)	160	1	8	12	8	11½	17
Utd Bisc	300	13½	24½	29½	1	7	16
(*312½)	330	0½	10½	15	18	23	33½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	475	31	42	—	5½	10½	—
(*495½)	500	16	27½	35½	13½	20½	27
Thames W	460	41½	52½	60	5½	11	20
(*491½)	500	17	28½	37	20	27	39
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	26½	42	46½	1	8½	19½
(*447½)	460	3	19	26	16	25½	40
BTR	300	7½	19½	24½	2½	10	17½
(*305)	330	0	7	12	25	28	36
Br Aero	460	12½	35½	45	10½	27	39½
(*462½)	500	1½	20½	27	39	51	63
Br Telecm	360	2½	31	37	0	6½	10
(*380½)	390	3½	13½	20	7	19½	23
Cadbury	420	19½	32½	39½	1	4	17
(*438½)	460	0½	12½	19½	22	29	39½
Guinness	460	10	24	31½	3	11½	22½
(*465)	500	0	6½	14½	35	36½	46½
GEC	280	4½	12½	19	3	11	13½
(*282)	300	0	4½	11	19	27½	25½
Hanson	220	13	17	20½	0	5½	9½
(*232½)	240	1	7	10½	8	15½	19
LASMO	134	12½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*146)	154	1	—	—	8	—	—
Lucas	180	19½	25	29	0	3	6½
(*199)	200	3½	12½	17	4	10½	15
Pilkingtn	190	7	12	17	1	6	8
(*186½)	200	0	4	9½	13½	18½	20
Prudential	300	24½	33	36½	0½	5	11
(*324)	330	3	14½	19	8	16½	25½
Redland	460	12	30	38½	3½	17	31
(*466½)	500	0½	13	21	33½	40	57
Royal Ins	280	13	26	30½	2	11	17
(*290½)	300	2½	16	20½	11½	21	27½
Tesco	240	7½	17½	23½	1	4	14
(*246)	260	1	9	14	14	19½	25½
Vodafone	217	4½	13½	—	4	12½	—
(*217)	233	0½	—	—	16	—	—
Williams	325	21½	—	—	0	—	—
(*346)	354	2	—	—	9½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3087½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Nov	148	99	54½	22½	6	1½
Dec	172	134½	95½	69	46½	29
Jan	201½	165	135	102½	76½	55½
Feb	220	183½	152	125½	97½	77
Jun	—	232	—	171½	—	127½
Puts						
Nov	1½	3½	10½	29	66½	116
Dec	22½	35	50	72½	101	134½
Jan	45½	58½	76½	97	122½	152½
Feb	54	67½	86½	107½	133½	165½
Jun	—	105½	—	144	—	199½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	420	14½	26	31	11	24	30
(*421)	460	2½	10½	15½	39½	51	56
Amstrad	25	4½	5	6	0½	1	2
(*28½)	30	1½	2½	3½	2½	4	4½
Barclays	600	23	41½	50½	13	31	39
(*605½)	650	4½	20	29½	46	61½	68½
Blue Circ	300	12	21½	27½	9	14½	23
(*301)	330	2½	9½	15	30	33	41½
Br Gas	280	18	26	31½	2½	8	14
(*293½)	300	6	14½	20½	10½	16	24
Dixons	180	16	21	26½	3½	9	12½
(*191½)	200	6	11	16½	12½	19	22½
Forte	220	16½	23	27	3	6½	11½
(*233)	240	5	12	16	12	15½	21½
Hillsdwn	160	19	21½	25	0½	3½	7
(*176)	180	5	9½	13½	7½	11	17
Lonrho	140	19	22	27	1	3	7
(*156½)	160	6½	11	16½	3	14	16
Sears	100	9½	12	13	1	3	5½
(*107)	110	3	6½	8	5	7	10
Thrn Emi	1000	26	43	67	19½	37	47
(*1001)	1050	5	22½	44½	52	67	75½
Tomkins	200	21	25	30½	1	3	6
(*219)	220	7	13½	19½	7½	13	16
TSB	220	12½	19	21½	4	11	14½
(*227)	240	4	8½	13	15½	22½	26
Wellcome	650	36	58½	72	17	27½	45
(*665½)	700	14	35	49½	44	57½	72
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	600	38½	54	66	15	33½	42
(*615)	650	16	31½	45	46	63½	69½
HSBC	700	57½	68	92	17	33	51
(*727½)	750	26½	42½	57½	42	60	73
Reuter	460	27	30	47½	12	22	29
(*470½)	500	10	21	29	35	45	46½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	160	18	23	26	0	3	6½
(*176)	180	2½	11	14½	4½	10½	15½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	120	13	18½	21½	3½	7½	9½
(*127½)	130	8	13½	17	8	12½	14½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	900	15½	42½	62	12½	45	55½
(*904½)	950	1	26	42	47½	73½	85½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	34	47	57	4½	12½	20½
(*490½)	500	11	24½	35	22	30	40
Scot Pwr	330	27½	34½	43½	4½	13	18
(*351½)	360	10½	19	28½	17	27	33

November 14, 1994 Tot: 30601 Calls: 12912 Puts: 17749 FT-SE Calls: 5459 Puts: 10558
*Underlying security price.

	Nov 14 midday	Nov 11 close
AMP Inc	74¼	74
AMR Corp	51¼	50¾
AT & T	54	54¼
Abbott Labs	32¾	32¾
Aetna Life	46¾	46¼
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	46¾	46¼
Albertson's	30¾	30¾
Alcan Aluminum	24¾	24¾
Alco Standard	57¾	57¾
Allied Signal	33¾	33¾
Alum Co of Am	82¾	81
Amax Gold Inc	6¾	6¾
Amerada Hess	47¼	47¼
Amer Brands	33¾	33¾
Amer Cyanamid	100¾	100¾
Amer El Power	31¾	31¼
Amer Express	31¼	31¼
Amer Genl Corp	27¾	27¼
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	93	92¾
Amer Stores	26¾	26¾
Ameritech	39¾	39
Amoco	61	61¼
Anheuser-Busch	50	49¾
Apple Computer	41¼	41¼
Archer Daniels	27¾	28
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	41¼	41¾
Asarco	27¾	27¾
Ashland Oil	37¾	38
Atl Richfield	103¾	104¾
Auto Data Pro	57¾	57¾
Avery Dennison	33	33¾
Avon Products	61¼	61¼
Baker Hughes	19¾	19¾
Baltim Gas & El	22	21¾
Banc One	27¾	27¾
BankAmerica	42¾	42
Bank of NY	30¾	30¾
Bankers Tr NY	61	62
Barnett Banks	41¼	41
Bausch & Lomb	35	34¾
Baxter Intl	27¾	27¾
Becton Dicknsn	47¾	47¾
Bell Atlantic	50¾	51¼
BellSouth	51¼	50¾
Black & Decker	25¾	24¾
Block (H&R)	41	41¼
Boeing	43¾	43¾
Boise Cascade	24¾	24¾
Borden Inc	13¾	13¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	59¾	59
Browning Ferris	28¾	28¾
Brunswick	19¾	19¾
Burlington Nthn	48	47¾
CBS	57¾	56¾
CNA Financial	64¼	65¾
CPC Intl	53¾	53¾
CSX	69¾	68¾
Campbell Soup	43¾	42¾
Can Pacific	15¼	15¾
Cpd Cities ABC	83¾	83¾
Carolina Pwr	25¾	25¾
Caterpillar	57¾	57¾
Central & SW	20¾	20¾
Champion Intl	36¾	38¾
Chase Manhat	36¾	36
Chemical Bk	36¾	35¾
Chevron Corp	42	41¾
Chrysler	48¾	46
Chubb Corp	71¼	71
Cigna Corp	69¾	68¾
Citicorp	45¾	45¾
Clorox	55¾	55¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	51	50¾
Colgate-Palmolive	60¾	60¾
Columbia Gas	25¾	25¾
Compaq Comp	40	39¾
Comp Ass Int	46¾	46¾
Conagra	31¼	31¾
Cons Edison	24¾	24¾
Cons Nat Gas	35¾	35¾
Cons Rail	52¾	51¾
Cooper Inds	36¾	36¾
Corning Inc	32¾	32¾
Crown Cork	39¾	38¾
Dana Corp	23¾	22¾
Dayton Hudson	83¾	83¾
Deere	69¾	69¾
Delta Air Lines	50¾	50
Deluxe Corp	28¾	28¾
Detroit Edison	26¼	26
Digital Equip	32	30¾
Dillard Dept St	28¾	28¾
Disney (Walt)	41	42¾
Dominion Res	35¾	35¾
Donelley (RR)	30¾	30¾
Dover Corp	54¾	54¾
Dow Chemical	68¾	67¾
Dow Jones	30	29¾
Dresser	21¼	21¼
Duke Power	39	39¾
Dun & Brdstreet	56	56¾
Du Pont	55	55
Eastman Kodak	47	45¾
Eaton Corp	51¼	49¾
Emerson Elec	63¾	62¾
Engelhard Corp	21¾	22

	Nov 14 midday	Nov 11 close
Enron Corp	31¼	31¼
Entergy	22¾	22¾
Ethyl Corp	10¾	10¾
Exxon	59¾	59¾
FMC Corp	59¾	59¾
FPL Group	32¾	32¾
Federal Express	59¾	58¾
Fed Nat Mtge	74¾	73¼
First Chicago	48	47¾
First Interstate	77¾	77¾
First Union Rlty	6¾	6¾
Fleet Finl Grp	31	31¼
Fluor Corp	46¾	46¾
Ford Motor	28¾	28¾
GTE Corp	31	30¾
Gannett	49	48¾
Gap Inc Del	37¾	37¾
Gen Dynamics	41	40¾
Gen Electric	49	48¾
Gen Mills	56¾	56
Gen Motors	38¾	38¾
Gen Reinsurance	114¾	114¾
Gen Signal	36¾	36
Genuine Parts	35¾	35¾
Georgia Pac	70¾	69¾
Gillette	72¾	71¼
Glaxo ADR	19¾	19¾
Goodrich (BF)	44¾	44¾
Goodyear Tire	35¾	35¾
Grace (W&R)	39¾	39¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24¾	24¾
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16¾
Halliburton	35¾	35¾
Harcourt General	36¾	36¾
Heinz (HJ)	38¾	38¾
Hercules	117¾	117¾
Hershey Foods	47¾	47¾
Hewlett Packard	98¾	97¾
Hilton Hotels	58¾	58
Home Depot	46¾	46¾
Homestake Mng	18¾	18¾
Honeywell	31¼	30¾
Household Intl	36¾	35¾
Houston Inds	33	33
Humana	23¾	23¾
ITT Corp	85¾	85
Illinois Tool	42¾	42
Illinova	19¾	19¾
INCO	27¾	27¾
Ingersoll Rand	34¾	34¾
Inland Steel	32¾	32¾
Intel Corp	60¾	60¾
IBM	72¾	72¾
Intl Flav & Fr	44¾	44¾
Intl Paper	72¾	72¾
James River Va	22¾	22¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54¾	54
Kellogg	58¾	58
Kerr-McGee	47¾	47¾
Kimberly-Clark	50¾	50
Kmart	16	16¾
Knight-Ridder	49¾	49¾
Lilly (Eli)	65¾	65¾
Limited Inc	20¾	20¾
LIN Brdcstng	139¾	140
Lincoln Nat	37¾	36¾
Litton	34¾	34¾
Liz Claiborne	22¾	22¾
Lockheed	72¾	72¾
Louisiana Pac	28¾	28¾
MCI Comm	21¾	21¼
Marriott Int	29¾	29¾
Marsh & McLnn	74¾	74¾
Masco Corp	23¾	22¾
May Dept St	38¾	37¾
Maytag Corp	15¾	15¾
McDonalds	28¾	28¾
McDonnell D	140¾	140¾
McGraw Hill	72	71¼
Mead Corp	47¾	46¾
Medtronic	51¼	51¾
Mellon Bk	53¾	53¼
Melville Corp	33¾	33¾
Merck Inc	36¾	36¾
Merrill Lynch	39¾	39¾
Minnesota Mine	53	53¾
Mobil Corp	82¾	82¾
Monsanto	73¾	73¾
Morgan (JP)	60¾	60¾
Motorola Inc	58¾	57¾
Natl Medical	14	14¾
Natl Semi	17¾	17¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Intr	14	14
NBD Bancorp	29¾	29¾
NY Times A	23¾	23¾
Newmont Mng	40¾	40¾
Niag Mohawk	13¾	13¾
Nike B	61¾	61
NL Industries	12	11¾
Noram Energy	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	48¾	47¾
Norfolk Sthn	62¾	62¾
Nthn State Pwr	43¾	43¾
Norwest Corp	23¾	23¾
Nynex Corp	38¾	37¾
Occidental Pet	19¾	20
Ohio Edison	18¾	18¾
Oracle Systems	43¾	43¾
Oryx Energy Co	13¾	13

	Nov 14 midday	Nov 11 close
Owens Corning	30	30
PNC Financial	22¾	22¾
PPG Industries	37¾	38¾
Paccar Inc	43¾	43¾
Pacificorp	17¾	17¾
Pac Enterprises	20	20
Pac Gas & Elect	22¾	22¾
Pac Telesis	30	29¾
Pall Corp	19¾	19¾
Panhandle East	22¾	23
Parker Hannifin	45¾	45¾
Peco Energy	24¾	24¾
Penney (JC)	47¾	47¾
Pennzoil	49	49
Pepsico	36¾	36¾
Pfizer	76¾	76¾
Phelps Dodge	56¾	56¾
Philip Morris	62¾	61¼
Phillips Pet	34¼	34¾
Pitney Bowes	33¾	33¾
Polaroid	32¾	32¾
PriceCostco	15¼	15¾
Procter & Gmbl	62¾	62
Providian	31¾	31¼
Pub Serv E & G	25¾	25¾
Quaker Oats	67¾	67¾
Ralston Purina	42¾	42¾
Raychem Corp	36¼	35¾
Raytheon	64¾	64¾
Reebok Intl	38¾	38¾
Reynolds Metals	50¾	49¾
Roadway Srvcs	55¾	54¼
Rockwell Intl	35¾	35¾
Rohm & Haas	56¾	56¾
Royal Dutch	109¾	109¾
Rubbermaid	27¾	27¾
Safeco Corp	48	48¾
St Paul's Cos	41¾	41¼
Salomon Inc	38¾	39¾
Santa Fe Pac	16¾	13¾
Sara Lee Corp	25¾	25¾
Seecorp	13¾	13¾
Schering Plough	74¾	73¾
Schlumberger	55¾	55¾
Scott Paper	65¾	65¾
Seagram	28¾	28¾
Sears Roebuck	50¾	50¾
Shell Trans	66¾	67¾
Sherwin Wlms	32¾	32¾
Skyline Corp	19¾	19¾
Snap-On-Tools	31¼	32
Southern Co	19¾	19¾
Sthwestern Bell	41¼	40¾
Sprint Corp	31¼	32
Stanley Works	38¾	38¾
Sun Company	30¾	30
Sun Microsys	31¼	31¼
Suntrust	49¾	48¾
Supervalu	24¾	24¾
Sysco Corp	27¾	26¾
TRW Inc	68¾	68¾
TCC Inds	2¾	2¾
Tandem Comp	17¾	17¾
Tandy Corp	43	42¾
Teledyne	17¾	17¾
Temple Inland	47¾	46¾
Tenneco	41¼	41¼
Texaco	61	60¾
Texas Inst	78	77
Texas Utilities	31¾	31¾
Textron	50¾	50¾
Time Warner	35¾	35¾
Times-Mirror	34¾	31¾
Timken	33¾	33¾
Torchmark	35¾	35¾
Toys R Us	38¾	37¾
Transamerica	50¾	50¾
Travelers	33¾	33¾
Tribune	51¾	51¾
Tyco Labs	46¾	46¾
UST Inc	27¾	26¾
UAL	94	93
USX Marathon	18¾	18¾
Unicom	23¾	23¾
Unilever NY	115¾	116¾
Union Camp	45¾	44¾
Union Carbide	30	30¾
Union Pacific	45¾	46¾
Unisys Corp	10¾	10¾
USAIR Group	4	4¾
USF&G Corp	14¾	14¾
US Life	37¾	37¾
US West	36¾	36¾
United Tech	59¾	59¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	32¾	32¾
VF Corp	51¾	51¾
WMX Tech	28	27¾
Wal-Mart Stores	24	23¾
Warner-Lambert	77¾	77¾
Wells Fargo	146¾	145¾
Westinghouse El	13¾	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	38¾	38¾
Whirlpool	50¾	51
Whitman	16¾	18¾
Winn Dixie	53	52¾
Woolworth	15¾	15¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46¾	45¾
Xerox	100¾	99¾
Yellow Corp	19¾	18¾

THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Bare your teeth at the boss

CITY stress is not a figment of the imagination, and there is a solution after all. Next time the boss makes you feel sick or threatened — bare your teeth. *Esquire* magazine reveals the findings of a study of two sets of free-ranging primates which suggests that while life may be lonely at the top, the lower down life's greasy pole you are, the more likely you are to suffer illness and premature death. The research "subjects" were 10,000 civil servants, who fell under the watchful eye of Professor Michael Marmot, of University College London, and a number of Kenyan olive baboons who frolic on the Serengeti plains in East Africa. Their behaviour was monitored by Professor Robert Sapolsky, of Stanford University. Civil servants and baboons were chosen because both live in hierarchical structures, both are bothered about status, and in both groups those at the top live longer. The report said: "Low-paid clerks are three times more likely than their bosses to fall sick and die prematurely." For the young inexperienced baboon, bullying by his elders can ruin his health in the same way that a junior clerk is more likely to fall ill under constant pressure from senior staff. The occasional baring of teeth is more restful than the chronic strain that comes from unpredictable attack, be it physical or psychological, *Esquire* records. So if teeth baring doesn't work, I suggest climbing up a filing cabinet, and then swinging by your tail.



Numbers game

CRAIG Watson, jet-setting spokesman for GTECH, the American company behind the National Lottery launch, is always one for a challenge. Arriving at the Tower of London for yesterday's inaugural reception, he appeared unfazed by talk that Richard Branson, jilted in the UK contest, is thinking of setting up a lottery in South Africa. "We're thinking about launching an airline," he said. "We know as much about that as he does about lotteries."

Beaujolais bash

THURSDAY is Beaujolais day, and the Great Hall at the Chartered Insurance Institute in Aldermanbury is being turned into a Parisian street scene. If last year's breakfast bash is any guide, cook will be busy. A year ago, 400 guests consumed £1,000 of caviar, 1,000 eggs, 50lbs of fresh and 20lbs of smoked salmon, 200lbs of cheese, 100 yards of French sticks, and Linford Christie would have taken nine seconds to run the length of sausages if laid head to tail.

STOCK market investors may be crying in their beer, but over the year the champagne market is 7 per cent up in volume terms. For the first time in 251 years Moët & Chandon will today be launching a £1 million advertising campaign.

COLIN CAMPBELL

First steps towards an electronic Eurobourse

David Rudnick says a meeting today could be crucial for a project to help small, high-growth firms



Kate Morris, of Cisco, says a system straddling the Continent is needed

A bevy of bankers, stockbrokers and venture capitalists from all over Europe will descend on London's Park Lane Hotel today for a key meeting to prepare the launch of a pan-European stock exchange for small, high-growth companies.

The project is the brainchild of the European Venture Capital Association (EVCA), with moral support and modest funding Ecu30,000 (£23,360) from the European Commission. The aim is to establish a screen-based market, Easdaq, modelled on Nasdaq, America's highly successful electronic exchange.

Kate Morris, chief executive of London's City Group for Smaller Companies (Cisco) says: "Nasdaq gave companies with only a regional profile visibility across the whole US. Over here, emerging, capital-hungry companies selling high-tech products similarly need a pan-European profile, a market-making system straddling the Continent. November 15 could be D-Day."

This is no old-fashioned, knee-jerk anti-American response. Proponents of Easdaq, and the electronic Eurobourse it will represent, welcome Nasdaq participation, and Joseph Hardiman, NAsdaq's president, is seriously interested in taking a minority shareholding when enough support is shown to exist and regulatory and other hurdles are overcome.

Nevertheless, a cardinal aim of the project, according to its chief protagonist, Jos Peeters, managing director of Capricorn Venture Partners, which is based in Belgium, is to stop European high-tech companies falling further behind the American competition in key areas such as computers and biotechnology. He wants to halt the drain of small European companies, unable to get a listing at home, to Nasdaq. Meanwhile, one idea going the rounds is that a European company floated on Nasdaq could be given a joint listing on Easdaq.

Mr Peeters is not alone in deploring the absence of an adequate capital market for promising European companies, which he fears is preventing them from achieving lift-off. He estimates that about 20 to 30 per cent of Europe's 15,000 venture-backed companies could qualify for a Eurobourse listing.

Mr Peeters may have a point when he complains that national exchanges gladly list international blue-chip shares and their own "national beauties", but shun emerging companies most in need of growth capital. Recent experience suggests that institutions such as insurance companies and pension funds are fairweather friends to small fry, ready enough to fund them at the top of the investment cycle, but not so keen otherwise.

Relying on purely domestic sources of retail cash for their liquidity is also unwise, since no single EU country has a wide enough investor base to supply the voracious needs of fast-growing companies. Perhaps a pan-European pool of investors could help to solve the perennial liquidity problems of deserving start-up companies.

Sceptics point out that Nasdaq's success needs to be seen in its American context. The US certainly has a more developed equity culture than Europe, where most gentlemen still prefer bonds. Eurobourse enthusiasts admit this awkward fact, but they are lobbying for the restrictive rules governing investment by European pension funds to be relaxed, to allow them to hold a much bigger proportion of their portfolios in equities.

Meanwhile, Eurobourse's supporters still have to prove that it can succeed in mobilising liquid capital for small companies, where Britain's Unlisted Securities Market, France's second marché and the Parallelmarket in The Netherlands have failed. Marc Cramsie, director of corporate finance at Singer & Friedlander and an expert in structuring capital-raising schemes for small companies, says: "Anything that gives them an additional market to choose from is welcome. True, secondary markets have not had much success of late, but if EVCA can provide a co-ordinated approach and get it right, Eurobourse will be seen as a primary, not a second-best market."

The Confederation of British Industry is supportive in principle. However, a spokesman says: "These are early days and our priority is to get alternative investment market arrangements in place in this country. We'll back any plan that raises capital for small firms, as long as it doesn't conflict with that priority."

The need for additional sources of financing is not in dispute. Christopher Theis, head of Hoare Govett's smaller companies unit, says: "Whether it is Easdaq, Nasdaq, or the London Stock Exchange's proposed Alternative Investment Market (Aim), small entrepreneurial companies need a route into the arena."

Mr Theis suggests that when Aim is introduced next year, it could turn out to be an effective rejoinder to criticism from Cisco that the London Stock Exchange's rules are too rigorous for most fledgling companies, driven in the past to Nasdaq, and now potential listees on Easdaq. On the other hand, Aim's critics say that it will be less tightly regulated than before, require less company information and, therefore, involve investors in greater risk. For the Stock Exchange, it looks like a no-win game.

Giles Vardey, the Stock Exchange's marketing director, accepts that EVCA has identified a real problem, but he is not convinced that a pan-European approach is an appropriate first step towards solving it.

Aim may provide less regulation than the old USM, but he expects it to target a wider range of small UK and other European companies than EVCA's planned exchange. "London is, in any case, unrivalled as Europe's major centre for equity trading and institutional investment," he concludes, "with turnover several times higher than the other European exchanges combined."

Other European exchanges, led by the Société des Bourses Françaises, are far more forthcoming. Lacking London's worldwide scale and exiting facilities for venture capital, they are more open to a pan-European solution to small company funding. Like Nasdaq, the French are considering a minority stake in Eurobourse.

Today's meeting could be crucial for the Eurobourse project, but it will not attempt to solve all its formidable problems at a stroke. The politically sensitive question of where to locate a pan-European market may not be a problem in practice though.

Mr Theis says: "A purely screen-based operation could be located anywhere or nowhere. The Eurobond market isn't based anywhere in particular, so why should a Euro-equity market be?" Mr Peeters thinks it would be sensible to wait until mid-1995 before deciding where to locate Eurobourse for jurisdictional purposes. For by then, European governments are supposed to have aligned their legislation on financial services with new EU directives scheduled for 1996.

Ensuring an efficient clearance and settlement procedure could prove really hard. "How do you get a Belgian dentist to pay for an Italian equity bought in London?", Mr Theis wonders.

The thorny problems of harmonising accountancy and regulatory regimes also look over the horizon. The most pragmatic solution may turn out to be a common system of dealing all over Europe, but with separate national tax, accounting and regulatory regimes.

Giant awakens with hunger for market share

Is WH Smith's light coming out from under the bushel? asks **Susan Gilchrist**

Something is happening at WH Smith. The retail giant, which encompasses some of the best known brands on the high street, is stirring. Changes are taking place both in public and behind the scenes. Its revised stance on the net book agreement is one visible manifestation of this change as is the new store format being rolled out across the chain.

Many believe the catalyst for all of this was the appointment of Sir Malcolm Field as chief executive in January. Until then, the outside world believed the group was dominated by the patrician reserve of Sir Simon Hornby, its former chairman. Now, WH Smith is seen as being more aggressive and commercial.

Sir Malcolm believes the group has always been more hard-nosed than it has been given credit for. "You don't build shares of the size we have if you are not aggressive," he says. "We have tended to be quiet about the growth of our shares — after all we have had enough references to the OFT and MMC. But I believe we are quietly aggressive and know how to build share organically and by acquisition." The group now has almost a third of the recorded music market, a quarter of the video market, more than a fifth of the book market and a large chunk of the stationery sector. "I can see us adding another percentage point of share each year," says Sir Malcolm.

> You don't build shares of the size we have if you are not aggressive

"After all, we are opening more space all of the time and, even more importantly, we can get more share through our existing space."

WH Smith's market share strategy has been no accident. The group has deliberately tried to build strong positions, verging on dominant, in all of its markets. Unlike most retailers, it does not look at its business in terms of its individual chains. Instead, it prefers to look at the world in terms of product sectors.

It focuses on its performance in books, music, video and stationery overall rather than that of the WH Smith chain. Waterstone's or Our Price. "I don't know any other retailer — perhaps with the exception of Sears — which segments markets in the way we do," says Sir Malcolm. He believes it gives the group an important edge in targeting the consumer. In the book market, for example, WH Smith is aimed at the more casual book buyer. "We have made sure that our book businesses are entirely complementary. If we just had one brand we would not have the market share we have now."

The approach to the music market is similar. Five years ago, the group was an insignificant player, today it is the largest operator through three brands, each appealing to a different market segment. WH Smith is popular among the very young and the old, but is less influential with the important 18 to 25-year group. That gap has now been filled with Our Price and Virgin, in which the group holds 75 per cent.

The strategy also brings other benefits according to Sir Malcolm. "Having segmented these audiences, the skill is to share costs. You have all these different brands on the high street, but behind the scenes you are sharing costs and hence improving profitability."

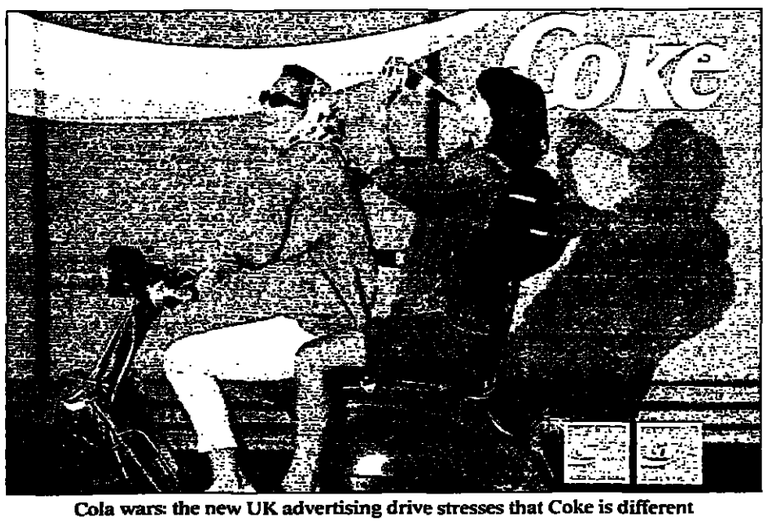
Although the group has steadily improved its profitability and held gross margins throughout the recession, many analysts still believe it has failed to exploit the economies of scale offered by its size. Sir Malcolm rejects this assertion. "The reason this criticism has arisen is because we continue to invest rather than let all the benefits from scale go to the bottom line."

But is the relentless drive for market share a sound strategy? Many companies in the 1980s came to grief on the back of such ambition. But Sir Malcolm believes WH Smith's policy has an important ingredient that others lacked. "It works because we have a sizeable market share relative to others. You have to have a share big enough to enable you to deliver that share at lower cost than the competition."

The sleeping giant is not only waking up, it is bearing its teeth.

Coca-Cola is targeting Britain, **Jon Ashworth** reports

Will things go better with £4m?



Cola wars: the new UK advertising drive stresses that Coke is different

Will Coca-Cola replace tea as the nation's favourite beverage? Hardly likely. But the men and women charged with promoting the world's most valuable brand name believe the British market is ripe for the picking. Coca-Cola may not replace tea, coffee or beer, but there are a lot of dry throats out there.

Enter the latest promotion by the world's biggest soft drinks manufacturer. Last night saw the television debut of a £4 million pound advertising campaign aimed at driving home the message: Coke is different.

The marketing experts insist that the new campaign is merely part of an ongoing attempt to enlarge the £6 billion a year UK soft drinks market. Britons' taste for Coca-Cola has already made it the country's biggest grocery brand — worth about £400 million at the last count — but per capita consumption of the drink is among the lowest in the world. George Bradt and his team at Coca-Cola's UK headquarters, tucked away above Hammersmith Underground station, have a simple aim: to grow the market, to make us swap the odd cup of tea for a can of Coke.

Be that as it may, it is hard to interpret the new television advertisement as anything less than a direct attack on the copycat brands that have surfaced in British supermarkets this year. The ad starts with a family driving in a car, drinking Coca-Cola. All is colour and sunshine. Then the light fades — they disappear into a thick band of fog, and pull up at a huge, featureless supermarket to buy some Coke. A nighmarish world beckons — automatons reaching for bland, anonymous boxes marked "cola". A little boy asks for some Coca-Cola. "What's that?" asks a robotic assistant. Another offers a no-name brand of cola while a voice booms: "All colas are not the same." The family leaves in disgust and re-emerges into the sunshine, happily drinking the real thing once more.

The message hits you right between the eyes: do not settle for anything less. It is impossible to watch the advertisement and not think of Sainsbury's Classic Cola, which caused such a stir when it appeared on the shelves in April. Neither can one quite dispel the grinning face of Richard Branson, clutching one of his new cans of Virgin Cola.

Mr Bradt sticks to his guns, insisting the ad is about growing the market rather than knocking competitors. "We are responding only in that we're in a continual drive to highlight Coca-Cola," he says. "The message is: wait, stop, think. This one's different."

For all that, test research suggests many television viewers will immediately think of the "cola wars". A sample audience who watched preruns of the ad came up with comments like "everything else is artificial", and "if you buy that type of Coke, you must be a robot".

Mr Bradt admits that the arrival of Sainsbury's Classic Coke severely dented sales of Coca-Cola at the stores chain — but only there. He claims that sales across the supermarket sector were actually up 30 per cent year on year a month after the Sainsbury's launch. The arrival of Virgin Cola, he insists, will simply help his overall mission. "If Branson comes in and sells a billion cans of Virgin Cola, that's brilliant," he says. "I want to help him take that excitement and grow the whole market."

The "cola wars" have been fuelled by the arrival of Cott Corporation, a fast-growing Canadian company that produces own-label soft drinks for supermarkets. Cott supplies the cola for both Sainsbury's Classic Cola and Virgin Cola, cashing in on its success in stores from America to Japan.

Cott has grown by leaps and bounds since it burst on to the Canadian scene three years ago. The Toronto company has won 20 per cent of the Canadian grocery market with its range of supermarket brands and knocked Coca-Cola into third place. Coca-Cola Beverages, the drink giant's local subsidiary, made net losses of C$143 million (£65 million) in 1993 and closed half of its 16 factories.

The effect was equally dramatic when Sainsbury's launched Classic Cola in April. Sales of own-label cola shot up from 18 per cent to 60 per cent almost immediately, knocking Coca-Cola from 60 per cent to 33 per cent in in-store sales. Sainsbury's claims to have stolen 15 per cent of the total UK cola market with its copycat brand.

Mr Bradt appears unperturbed. British per capita consumption of Coca-Cola is a third that of America and he is confident he can grow the market over time. The fact that his company is prepared to spend £4 million in six weeks promoting its product suggests a greater urgency than he is willing to concede.

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BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	421	+4½	4.6	14.2
314	233	Allied Irish	248	...	5.1	9.5
278½	171	Aus New Z	173	-3	5.5	26.1
3300	2587½	Bank America	2643¾	-18¾		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	216½	+7	3.1	12.2
640	487	Barclays	605½	-1	3.4	18.7
319	246	Bk of Ireland	283	+1	5.2	8.1
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2843¾	+6¾		
285½	203	Close Bros	229	...	4.1	
£150¼	£121¼	Commerzbk	£133¾	+175	6.1	
1296½	1056¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1100	+15¾	0.5	
£344¼	£270¼	Deutsche Bk	£309¼	+15¾	3.2	
1515½	787½	Espirito Santo	868½	-15¾	4.4	4.4
90	60	First Nat Fin	65½	-1	2.9	...
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1268¾	-7	0.4	
473	209	Hambros	215	-3	8.7	8.8
1113	680	HSBC†	728	+7	4.2	10.5
1133	680	HSBC Hlt	731½	+7	4.2	10.6
443	400	Joseph (L)	418		5.2	12.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	475		5.1	8.4
660	519	Lloyds	580½	+13	5.0	11.4
630½	472	Nat Aust Br	497	+4	5.6	10.5
622	421	Nat West	521½	+6½	4.7	9.7
3300	2125	Ottoman Bank	2125	...	6.8	
79	53	Rea Bros	61		1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	446½	-1½	3.4	20.2
1574	1050	Schroders	1388	+23	1.7	12.7
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1265	+30	1.8	11.6
114	75	Singer & Fried	82		4.8	10.8
359½	223	Stand Chart	287	+1	2.8	9.9
291	197	TSB	227	-½	4.4	11.4
1012	569	Warburg SG†	644	+3	4.3	11.8
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo†	9150	+56¾	3.0	
350	194	Westpac	198	...	2.7	
390	210	Whitmst	218	..	5.9	14.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10¼	1½	Accot Hldgs	2			
619	485	Bass	543	-4	4.8	14.2
299	248	Boddington	253		4.1	13.6
196	168	Burtonwd Brwt	180	-2½	3.5	15.0
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	165	-1	2.8	22.9
66	48½	Fosters Brewing	55		5.2	
493	375	Fuller Sm 'A'	377	+2	2.6	15.6
511	399	Greenalls Grp	408		3.9	15.6
584	452	Greene King	539	+2	3.0	15.0
266	239	Hardy Hanson	257		4.3	13.1
170	135	Heavitree	150		3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3448		1.8	19.0
246	195	Mansfield	220		2.5	13.5
314	256	Merston Thmp	305		2.4	15.8
545	463	Morland	505		2.5	18.9
10¾	6½	Paramount†	7½		3.3	
274	209	Regent Inns†	269		2.5	
1665½	1000	SA Breweries	1528½	+9¾	1.9	23.8
591	477	Scot & New	502	-1	4.2	14.9
306	229	Vaux Group	242	...	5.0	15.6
437	324½	Wetherspoon JD†	437		1.9	24.1
617	494	Whitbread	547	-½	4.3	15.9
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	532		3.1	14.9
188	148	Yates Bros	187	-1	2.0	23.0
535	483	Young 'A'	495		3.8	19.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	140	...	4.7	10.2
200	148	Allen	163		4.0	19.3
164	94	Amec†	94	-3	4.0	54.2
95	47	Andrews Sykes	77			
462	333	Ashtead	445		1.5	28.1
191	110	Avonside†	112		4.9	13.1
41	25	Bailey (Ben) Con	34		2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	37		5.9	4.4
292	160½	Barratt Devt	174	+1	4.3	
169	122½	Baxter Homest	137		4.9	10.8
304	179	Bellway	202	-1	4.4	
59	32	Bellwinch	32			28.1
573	371	Berkeley Gp	380		2.3	15.8
215	118	Bett Bros	175	+8	3.3	
356	238	Bovis (Henry)†	238	-7	3.5	11.7
84	35	Brandon Hire	75	+2	2.5	
235	170	Br Bldg & Eng	170		6.1	10.3
197½	120	Bryant†	137		4.6	15.4
145¾	111½	CALA	115		3.0	15.9
54	31	Campbell & Arm	39			
62	44	Clarke T	49		3.2	41.6
42	20½	Costain	22½			
185	123	Countryside	123	-1	4.2	27.3
130	82	Crest Nicholson	86		2.3	16.0
140	100	Cussins	103		4.1	12.4
30	19	Edmond Hldgs†	21		1.8	
473	323	Eve Group	325		4.2	13.3
60	25	Galliford†	25		5.0	
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	89		3.8	
1039	823	Gleeson (MJ)†	825	-1½	2.1	
85	71	Green (Ernest)†	81		9.3	25.0
191	121	Havelock Europ	178		2.1	16.1
169	139	Hewden-Stuart†	148		2.5	17.0
144	86	Higgs & Hill†	97	-1	3.2	
32	28	Howard Hldgs	29		4.5	20.5
25	6	Jarvis	11	+½		
138	104	Keller	110		4.3	12.8
428	204	Laing (J)†	236		4.8	21.3
164	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	98	-½	8.2	
145	115	Lon Clydeside	127		4.7	17.6
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	73			
253	196	Manders Lift	218		3.2	
321	186	McAlpine (Al)	190	-3	4.3	27.9
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	56	-1	1.1	
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	102½		2.4	
379½	205	Persimmon	219		5.3	16.4
2000	1450	Poclain	2000	+200	2.0	20.0
198	128	Prowting†	128	-1	3.5	19.5
116	52	Raine Indt	52	-1	7.2	10.8
87	50	Swift-Rite	62		1.5	29.2
367	233	Sherif Hldgs	364		1.5	24.2
112	62½	Storco	112		4.1	15.7
245	195	Smart (J)†	217	+½	4.9	
280	159½	Spander	230		1.3	18.5
257	151	Tay Homest	173		4.7	12.7
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	128	-3	1.7	31.3
780	538	Tilbury Dougls	569		7.2	43.6
60	38	Torex Hire	56		2.0	29.2
40½	22	Try Group	28		2.8	
135	90	Vibroplant	125		3.6	33.0
170	123	Walnhomes	124½		4.2	13.4
48	42	Ward Hldgs	57		1.1	
225½	148	Westbury†	149	-2	4.5	13.6
7½	3½	Wiggins	6½	-		
259	171	Wilson (C)	180	-2	2.9	15.0
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	347		2.4	15.5
249	132	Wimpey G	135	...	4.9	20.2

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Abingdon	14	-1	4.5	13.4
341	283	Alumasc	339		2.2	
65¾	43½	Amberley Gp	51	+1	2.5	27.9
363	274	BPB Ind	305		3.2	20.6
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	127		3.2	22.8
60	35½	Bardon†	36½		6.8	
244	125	Beckford Ind	213			
123	60	Blockleys†	64		1.8	
391	282	Blue Circle†	301	+1	4.7	21.4
117	77	Breedon PLC	90		6.4	25.8
154	129	Br Dredging†	129	-1	5.4	15.5
419	321	CRH	353	-1	2.7	17.9
70	31	Cakebread Rby	41			
278	235	Cape	236		5.9	14.9
456	254	Caradon†	274		4.0	18.2
215½	128	Caradon plt	130		7.0	
62	46	Chiltan Gp	54		8.1	10.8
134	89	Dyson (J&J)	99		4.4	14.9
97	72	Dyson 'A'	72		6.1	10.8
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	+½	2.8	
320	273	Evans	315		3.1	18.7
82	57	Ennor	60		2.9	13.8
218	160	Graham Grp†	175	+2	3.3	16.7
399	337	Halstead (J)†	384	-4	2.6	16.8
511	284	Hepworth†	320	+8	5.8	18.2
82	46	Hewetson	79	-1	2.0	
205	85	Hewitt (J)	98	-2	2.2	
473	285	Heywd Wlm	303	-1	5.6	17.1
100	67	Ibstock†	75		1.7	
294	149	Johnston†	272	...	2.1	32.7
170	145	Lilleshall†	155		3.8	16.2
213½	129	Marley	144	+2	3.6	17.1
155	126	Marshalls	140	-3	3.8	17.1
559	359	Meyer Int	402	-3	3.4	16.9
196	146	Newman Tnks	167	+1	4.8	21.1
212½	119	Norcros	120		7.3	21.5
20	9	Phoenix Timber	11			
208	162	Pilkington	187	+3	2.7	
185	126	Polypipe	130	-3	2.2	15.0
1079	885	RMC Grp	1001	+1	2.7	20.7
40	18	Raruss	19			
640	448	Redland†	486	+1	6.7	21.6
108	70	Reclett	86	-2	5.6	
185½	114	Rugby Group†	122	-1	3.5	15.4
103	62	Russell (A)†	80		3.2	18.3
21	16	SMP	16½		1.5	23.0
220	155	Sharpe & Fisher†	175		3.1	12.8
288	222	Sheffield Insft	250	+2	2.9	20.1
21½	42½	Spring Ram	44½		1.4	
205	121	Tarmac†	128	-2	5.4	
220	160	Tilon	168		3.4	13.6
370	274	Travis Perkins	300	-4	3.5	18.5
38	21	Tudor	24		1.2	
54	35	Unigroup	37			
62	33	Waterhouse	51			
129	87½	Wickes†	91		1.8	20.4
65	39½	Witshaw	64		1.2	25.3
975	705	Wolseley†	772	-2	2.7	15.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2½			
110	73	App Holo	98			
165	107	Atwoods	112	+3	5.3	
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½			
42	30	Black Arrow	43		7.6	10.5
124	70	Br Bloodstock	79	...		70.9
12	5½	Card Gp	6			16.7
10½	4½	Charner	7½			
157	109	Cecil	125		5.8	
227	188	Fitclar	210		1.0	20.8
287	234	Hozelock	247		3.0	17.5
243	181	Leigh	181		5.4	16.6
274	214	Nodc Gp	228	-1	3.3	14.6
310	207	Photo-Me†	240	+3	2.5	25.0
100	38	Pbm & Get	58		3.8	
185	82	Pleurobook	173		2.5	20.4
12½	5½	Porth Group	7½			
51½	5½	Rotune	10½	-½		
139	79	Shanks & McEwan	92	-1	4.4	
244	174	Sinclair (Wm)	181		4.9	13.9
700	483	Waste Mgt Intl	509	+1		19.2

CHEMICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150½	116½	Allied Colloids	130		3.3	29.9
783	705	Amber Ind	780		3.2	16.2
£147¼	£106½	BASF DM	£128¼	-6¼	7.3	
767	627	BOC	710	+8	4.1	30.0
373	284	BTP	284	-1	4.4	18.0
2160½	2125½	Bayer DM50	£141	+90¾	6.4	
131	98	Brent Chemicl	110	-1	4.5	
309	219	Br Vita	222	-7	4.2	16.5
25	13	Cambridge Lb	19			
199	152	Canning (W)†	182		5.0	30.8
580	429	Courtaulds	461	+10	4.0	37.2
388	337	Croda†	349		3.1	15.0
143	95	Smellers†	125		4.3	15.3
68½	35½	Euro Colour	65		2.2	23.2
149	132	Globon Lyons	138		5.0	12.9
223	147	Hickson†	148	-3	6.8	13.3
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£134½	-9¾	5.5	
250	153½	Holliday Chem	222	+1	2.5	18.1
868	725	ICI	771	+16	4.5	62.3
191½	140	Kalon	144½		3.8	13.7
843	683	Laporte†	717	-1	3.7	18.1
95	48	MTM	83	+3	0.8	
405	302	Marden	304	...	4.1	14.8
127	109	McLeod Russell	107	...	7.1	16.7
128	72	Mecoect	73	-7	6.0	9.7
679½	358½	Montedison	497½	-5	4.0	22.7
249	225	Porvair	298		1.8	22.4
272	186	Scapa	200½	-½	3.7	17.1
68	31	Sulsdie Speak	33	-1	1.9	19.6
852½	656	Takeda Chem	756½	+3	0.8	14.0
490	361	Wardle Storeys	371	-24	6.0	
230	193	Wellington Hdg	193		3.3	18.6
823	570	Wolstenholme R	783	-2	3.0	16.3
403	380	Yorks Chem	383	-1	2.7	16.5
336	258	Yule Catto†	289		2.8	22.0

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	108	ABI Leis	106		4.6	14.9
298	248	Acal	291	+5	2.9	18.2
565	253	Adam & Harvey	548		3.4	7.5
31	22	Alexanders	23		2.7	21.4
175	117	Appleyard	118	-1	6.1	20.8
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½		1.4	58.8
578	485	BSS Group	523		4.2	21.8
25½	17	Beeling Power	22½	+½	4.2	14.3
405	249	Bletchley Mtr	349		6.3	10.3
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	
28½	17	Boustead	25		4.1	
370	288	Bramall†	340		4.8	18.9
31	15½	Bridgend Gp†	16		1.6	
99	78	Brit Fittings†	85		3.3	
73	48	Brown & Tawse	49			
57	35	Bunzlers	35		7.1	10.2
465	245	Cattyns	245	-23	5.8	16.5
59	28	Caslat Plc	30		4.6	10.2
130	95	Central Mtr	95		4.6	23.5
51	32½	Cook (DC)	35		3.6	10.7
348	201	Cowie	233		4.4	11.4
132½	127	Dag Motors†	140		5.8	16.1
683	446	Delmares B	587		1.4	16.7
628	427	Diploma	427	-1	3.7	17.1
589	443	Electrocomps	468		2.8	30.3
175	133	Electron House	156		2.5	16.3
283	225	Ellis & Everard	252		3.8	18.6
234	201	Eurofollar	208	+1	5.1	15.3
173	106	European Mtr	115		4.6	12.0
538½	395	Evans Halshaw	404		4.4	12.7
656	490½	Ffowel Electr	511		2.0	21.0
78	50	File Indexr	60		5.7	8.8
34	18	Gardiner	18	-½	5.2	8.6
46	21½	Glenchewton	22			24.3
90	60	Gowrings	73		3.4	22.2
78	50	Hallds Hldgs	70			54.6
342½	266½	Hanlys	273		3.4	14.8
191	88	Holders Tech	95	+1	7.9	10.3
138	110	ISA Intl	113		1.9	14.1
609	395	Inchcape†	425	-1	4.4	14.1
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
164	145	Kaff-Fitt	154		3.2	17.7
373	332	Lex Service	345		4.9	13.2
282	162	Lookers	192		4.5	12.0
30	18	Malaya Grp	20		1.6	
6¾	3½	Middlesex	6¾			
440	270	Norbain	425		0.7	20.4
100	47	Northamber	90		1.1	38.2
175	153	PCT	155		6.0	15.0
310	232	Pendragon	262		3.6	17.2
238	185	Perry Gp†	185		5.3	9.0
218	136	Quicks Group†	137		4.8	14.4
163	97	REA	162		4.6	33.5
5½	2½	Reaco	2½			
24	7½	Ross Gp	9		2.8	
42	33	SEP Ind	33	-½	3.4	15.5
44	21	TLS Range	36		3.5	14.5
265	215	Time Products	238		4.7	15.8
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158		3.6	14.9
336	248	Wholesale Ftgs	248	-1	5.9	
30½	15	Willis Gp	15	-1	4.2	8.4
69	49	Wyko	56		1.1	
96	88	Young (H)	68	...	8.1	72.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest†	160	...	5.9	16.3
380	199½	Autobgastat†	345	+5	1.3	27.9
62	48	Armour†	49½		4.5	
988	773½	Broken Hill	893	-11	2.3	36.1
401	299	BTR†	305½	+3	5.1	16.1
570	372	BAT†	450½	+2½	5.7	11.8
91	49	Bilby (J)	73	+4	5.3	
57½	44	Bowler Invt	48½		8.8	
39	10½	Cannon St	12½			4.8
836	636½	Cozier	759	-1	3.7	21.8
285	226½	Cookson†	252	+1	3.2	22.8
302	217½	Ransom	232½	+4½	6.4	20.8
220	152	Hanson Crsblt†	168	+1	6.7	19.1
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	282	+5½	2.0	20.3
710	409½	Jardine Math	506½	+7½	2.9	11.6
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30		4.2	29.3
175½	124½	Lonrho	156½	+5	3.2	43.0
44	16	Poder Chadbrn	39	-2		
705	522	Powell Duffryn	534		5.5	15.2
164	118½	Ropner†	128	+1	7.3	14.5
489	337	Rothmans	428	-2	3.9	22.8
196	137	Sime Darby	168	+6	3.2	17.5
267	192	Staveley	192		5.6	55.4
230	187	Suter	167		7.0	16.1
368	230	TT Group	246		2.2	
283	202	Tomkins	221½	+3	4.2	14.2
124	74½	Trafalgar H	81½		1.5	
440	245	Unitec	295		3.6	15.2
324	246½	Wassall	285	-½	1.6	24.5
13½	9½	Wdney	10	-½		
414½	322	Williams Hdg	347	+1	4.7	21.4

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands†	685	-7	4.1	54.1
866	566	Eastern Grp	805	-2	3.6	17.5
753	534	London Elec	723	-4	3.9	11.0
871	635	Manweb	818	-2	3.7	9.8
840	547	Midlands Elec	785	+3	3.7	12.0
520	404½	National Power	495½	+7½	3.2	12.3
858	589	Northern Elec	817	-1	3.8	10.2
421	329	Nthn Ireland	374		3.8	10.2
850	587	Norweb	816	-4	3.5	10.7
602	449	PowerGen	551	+2	2.9	12.1
477	307	Hydro-Elect	338		4.8	10.3
486	325	Scottish Power	354	+3	4.6	11.1
453	299	Seeboard	435		3.4	11.5
840	591	Sth Wales	811	-2	3.9	11.0
824	551	Sth Western	786	-1	3.7	10.4
837	540	Southern Elec	817	+1½	3.5	12.8
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	743	-1	4.0	14.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Acorn Comp	98			
198	163	Alba	182		3.4	15.0
50	25½	Amstrad†	28½	-½	2.2	
39	24	Aries	32			
94½	78	Astec	84		1.3	17.2
281	118	Azlan	133	+1	2.8	10.7
478	325	BICC†	353		6.8	22.3
283	239	Beales Hunter	267		4.5	
16	7	Berkeley Bus	7½			
535	402	Bica	406	+7	3.2	76.3
380	289	Bowthorpe†	301		2.9	17.3
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½		1.8	10.2
283	263	CML Micro	271		2.8	17.3
35½	24	Chloride	24½			67.9
117	81	Copymore	113	-2	4.8	
202	154	Cray Elect	160½	+1	1.8	18.7
467	412	Critchley	444		2.3	19.9
386	289	Dale Sr Sys	327	+1	0.6	27.8
586	430	Delta†	460	-2	4.0	19.7
560	400	Domino	513	+3	2.1	22.1
78	63	Dowding Mills	68		4.7	24.8
1635	1220	Druck	1468		0.9	27.2
3756¼	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3353¾	+146¾	1.6	56.3
38½	21	Emess	31	+½	0.4	
3915¼	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3915¼	+109¼	1.0	33.5
86	56	Eurocopy	64		3.5	18.9
451	343	Eurotherm	397		3.6	23.5
402	334½	Farey Group†	377		2.1	19.9
283	193	Forward Gp	195		3.2	11.7
58	14½	Forward Tech†	44		2.1	9.1
353½	268½	GEC	282½	-½	4.8	14.2
191	104	Gestetner	107		2.4	
191	119	Gouseby	144		5.2	13.5
193	121	Ind Control	125	-1	5.0	
385	253½	Kenwood Appl	335		4.8	16.4
880	730	Kershaw (A)	880		3.9	40.5
165	38	Kode	71		7.0	
55	45	LPA Ind	47		4.3	
320	290	MTL Inst	317		1.7	19.1
281	210	Manvler-Sw	252		2.1	19.6
45	31	Microvitec	34			
494	185	Mitel	228	+2		
148	109	Murray Ent	114		2.2	
31	23	Oraz	25		2.8	
91	66	Pacer Systems†	70		6.3	25.3
98	74½	Peekt	85		5.0	21.4
2175	1400	Philips Lmp	1943½	+15¾	0.9	8.9
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£110		5.2	
359	293	Pilco	354		1.6	24.3
344	383	Pilco 'A' Vtg	332		1.7	22.8
140	70	Plesmec	114		4.1	
129	100	Prestact	108		3.5	
43½	17½	Prestwick	26	-1		
303	181	Psion	252	-1	1.4	17.7
281	187	Racal Elect	247	-1	2.1	20.3
53	33	Radamect	51	-1	4.7	14.0
311	225	Rostorn	228	+1	2.5	16.7
89	15	Scantronic	22½		4.7	
256	162	Scholes Grp	253		0.8	
49	35	Silvermines	37	+1	2.7	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks	63		4.8	14.3
104	41	Sthn Bus	46	+1	10.1	7.2
19	11	TDS Circuits	11			
3225	2265½	TDK	2550½	-59¾	1.1	
170	80	Telemetrix	85		1.5	10.9
101	51	TG	91	-1	2.7	17.0
344	191	Telspec	329	-3	0.9	39.8
346	133	Thorpe FW†	239	-7	1.7	17.5
43	22	Total Systems	35			36.4
335	215	Tunstall	256		1.8	18.3
364	256	Unitech	358	-5	2.3	28.0
16	8½	Venty	9			
483	355	Volex	335		5.7	17.3
200	60	Wakebourne	91			
156½	93	Whitecroft	150		1.7	21.7

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	113	AIM	158	+3	3.6	42.2
138	50	APV†	65½		8.4	
230	157	ASW	188		4.0	
126	20½	Aero Hamble	27		17.3	2.7
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	16½	-1	5.7	46.8
75	27½	Alvis	47	+1	2.7	32.7
175	156	Ash & Lacy	156	-2	5.1	16.1
553	430	Atlas Scpco	545		5.0	18.2
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	116		1.8	
55	24½	BM Gp	44½			
41½	25½	Bacrrel	28	-1		
176	138	BMT	132	-½	8.1	21.2
84	64	Baynes (Charles)	84	+1	2.6	21.5
66	23	Beauford	32			
226	133	Bullam (J)	151		4.4	3.4
329	262	Bodycote	312	-1½	2.2	21.3
75	43	Booth Ind	66			
20	15	Bopsay	16½		4.0	16.8
171	120	Brdom	156	+½	3.2	
534	390	Br Aerospace†	463½	+2½	2.4	40.7
172½	121½	Br Steel	159½	+1	2.8	19.0
135	86½	Bromsgrove Ind	88½	-½	6.4	11.2
17	9½	Brooke Tool	12½			
185	135	Bullough	152		5.0	25.0
79	56	Bumfield	71		3.3	30.5
32	14	Cl Group	15		2.5	
230	247	Cardo Eng	250		4.5	16.3
156	110	Cussons	140		2.3	17.2
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160		5.3	10.0
360	272	Chemring	283		4.1	14.9
296½	187	Clyde Blowers	189	+2	2.8	52.9
332	225	Cobham	329		3.0	16.4
698	403	Cohen (A)	540		0.8	
283	179	Concentric	180		4.1	14.9
310	240	Cook (Wm)	250		3.8	11.9
296	198	David Brown	216		3.8	15.2
57	36	Delson Pgh	78		6.0	15.4
442	364	EIS	388	+1½	4.0	15.6
191	89	Elliot (B)	101		2.5	15.3
116	80	Expamet	91	-1	3.6	64.5
212	155	FKI	163	+3	2.8	18.8
143	109	Fenner	139		1.4	
45	31	Feman	31			
85	75	GEI Int	75		2.5	21.3
134	51	Garton Engt	135		4.6	
404	321	Glynwed	349	+1	4.2	20.4
14½	10	Graystone	13½		2.2	11.4
85	61	Hadwin Mactn	68		3.7	17.6
122	90	Hadleigh	117	+1	2.1	13.7
329	143	Hall Eng	149		6.7	11.7
258	204	Halma	223		1.3	26.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	50½		5.0	9.6
161	122	Hanco (Peter)	143	-1	6.1	17.3
48	26	Hay (Norman)	26			
184½	137	Hill & Smith	148		4.9	16.1
62	39	Hopkinsons	53		3.1	
41	27	How Grp	39		2.4	
103	78	Howden	86½		3.5	13.9
265	157	Hunting†	159	+2	7.9	22.7
513	402	Hunting Tec	423		1.6	19.7
379	286	IMI	320		4.0	27.2
51	33½	Johnson & FB	36	+1½	1.2	
628	488	Johnson Matth	581	+10	2.5	23.1
32	25	Jones Shipman	30			
320	200	Kelsey Ind	319	-1	3.1	
235	205	Locat	235		3.7	14.6
20½	14	Locker (T) A	14½	...	1.7	
49	38	ML Hldgs	38		2.8	13.2
67	36	MS Intl	26		12.0	15.7
178	139	Mang Brazest	136		3.7	10.6
530	412	McKechnie†	417	+1	4.4	15.4
130	71½	Meggitt†	75		6.5	12.1
120	101	Metair	107		4.4	17.8
133	99	Metsact	131		2.9	18.2
589	519	Molins	519	-1	3.8	10.4
408	310	Morgan Crucbl	318		5.0	15.4
217	176	Mosse Ashby	200		3.6	
51	34	Neepsend	36		4.3	16.8
128	53	Neotronics	54		6.0	11.7
60	48	Newmark (L)	48			
64	42	OMI Intl	45	-½	5.1	
358	277	Oxford Inst	329	-1	1.9	19.3
341	218	Powerscreen	287		3.5	11.8
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14		7.3	7.5
108	60	Radiant Metal	75			
71	13	Ransomes	60½	+2		
95	70	Record†	85		5.3	19.1
309	268	Renishaw†	295		2.9	25.8
185	126	Renold	178½	+4½	3.1	24.6
73	61	Richard (Leics)†	51		5.5	36.5
104½	79	Richardson West	79½	-1½	5.1	17.5
204	161	Rolls-Royce†	178	-1	3.5	37.4
195	156	Rotork	161	+3	3.4	16.4
190	134	Rubicon	135		4.3	15.2
150½	72	Senior Engt	81		5.2	13.2
270	245	Servomex	266		3.1	28.4
630	500	Slebe	550	+1	2.5	17.7
130½	75	Simon Eng	96½	-½		
82	35	Sir Hundred	74		2.5	
1459¼	1071¼	SKF 'B'	1146¾	+25		
527½	411	Smiths Indt	460		3.5	17.7
452	337	Spirax-Sarco†	461		2.7	19.2
267	197	Sterling Ind	334		3.4	21.0
455	343	TI	371	+2	3.9	20.5
121	92	Thakeray (E)	118		5.9	19.2
105	45	Transfer Tech	60		7.0	8.4
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	130		6.7	
18½	12	Utd Inds	16		0.8	
1398	980	VSEL†	1373		3.2	12.9
31½	12	Vesson	16			
204	163	Vickers	185	+4	2.4	19.7
327	234	Victaulic	235		4.3	12.9
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11	-½		
522	451	Vosper†	512	+1	2.0	13.4
806	661	Vosper Thorny	743	+1	3.0	16.1
527	451	Wagon Ind	463		4.8	23.6
354½	246½	Weir	275		3.0	16.4
41	37½	Welman	40½		2.8	66.1
548	377	Whatman†	379	+2	3.5	13.9
354	90	Whessoe	105		9.8	8.0

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	32	-3		
156	108	Airflow Streaml	153		3.3	15.0
639	474	Avon Rubber	533		3.9	23.2
236	173	BBA†	192	+2	2.9	
86½	57½	BSG†	57½	-½	7.0	35.9
18½	8½	Benson Group	9½	-½	4.3	13.0
306	180	Bostrom†	298		2.5	17.0
22	12½	Cowndale	13½		1.5	12.9
332	275	ERF	324		0.8	
346	296	First Tech	327		1.3	18.9
660	510½	GKN	622	+3	4.1	36.4
4387½	2350	General Mtr†	2443¾	+31¼	2.1	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1080½	+9½	0.4	
444	340	Laird†	373	-1	3.7	17.6
350	233	Loades	350			
239	158	Lucas†	199		4.4	
64	53	Mayflower†	54		3.2	22.0
124	69	Mitsubs	75			10.4
178	149	Syllone	162		3.8	17.9
261	203	T & N	218		6.2	19.0
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	313		2.6	22.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	548	+1	3.7	9.4
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	274		3.9	10.9
74	42	Albert Fisher†	43		10.8	14.6
270	215	Banks (S C)	215		5.7	8.2
376	305	Barr (AG)	374		2.3	24.1
72	35	Bensons Crisp	39	+1	6.9	
481	378	Booker†	409	-2	6.7	15.1
56½	48	Borthwick	51		3.2	21.8
212	156	CPL Aromas	202		1.9	19.3
545	407	Cadbury-Schwt	440	-2	4.4	14.8
332	243	Carr's Milling	289	+3	2.7	11.3
167	130	Cranswick	152	-2	6.9	12.5
154	90	Dalepak	118		1.6	
543	389	Dalgety†	421	+1	6.3	11.8
87	50	Daniels S	56	+2	0.7	
294	210	Devro	215	-2	3.6	14.5
101	52	Everest†	56	+1	5.6	21.0
8½	5	Farringford	5			
85	68	Finlay (James)†	70	-3	7.4	9.5
20½	13	Globalt	13	-½	4.6	11.8
68	38	Grand Central	48			
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	123	-2	6.8	7.7
198½	151	Hillsdown†	176	+1	6.2	12.5
28	16	Hobson	25			
111	93	JLI Group	95		6.3	13.4
408	313	Linton Park†	399		5.5	11.4
127	85	Matthews (B)	122	+4	2.8	14.7
181	160	Mcp ED & F	168		6.4	9.2
246	206	Nichols (JN)	238		3.1	15.3
271½	193	Nthn Foods	205	+2	5.4	10.0
14	9	Nitkeibo Fn	12			
48	29	Pascoe's	29			
81	62	Perkins Food	74½		7.5	12.5
96	73	Sentry Farm	83		3.4	8.4
122	71	Sims Food	81	+1	11.6	
467½	373	Tate & Lyle	429	+1	3.9	10.8
238	145	Tresit	210		2.4	17.1
434½	333	Unigate	358	-1	6.0	10.1
1247	958	Unilever	1124	+6	2.8	16.1
8118¼	6496¾	Unilever (NV)	7282½	-43¾	2.9	14.8
388	323	Utd Biscuits†	313	+2	6.1	25.8
21	8	Usborne	7	+½		
49	33	West Trust	33		9.5	23.1
133	99	Yorkshire Food	115		3.6	13.6

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	376	AAH	376	-2	6.0	13.4
1141	888	Amersham	889	-1	2.3	18.5
81	43	Anagen	57			
397½	215	Assoc Nursg	215		1.2	12.6
393	243	Bespak	270	-1	4.7	13.9
10	6	Care UK	8½			
115	80	Celsis	70			
151	86	Chemoscience	82			
47	40½	Cortecs	42			
297	232	Community Ht	246		4.0	14.2
44	30	CrestaCare	31		3.1	
146	96	Ensrined	127	+1	0.2	
110	82	Fertane Group	88		3.0	13.0
171	134	Goldsborough	139		3.0	15.2
15½	9½	Greenacre	10		4.2	13.3
165	93	Intercare Gp	130		10.2	4.6
325	283	Isotron	285		2.1	
171	107	Life Sciences	142		3.6	14.1
152½	74	Lon Intl	91			
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47		8.4	11.6
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	265		2.1	15.4
210	145	Scholl	151		5.3	14.5
367	291	Seton Healthc	367	+3	2.5	18.6
83	44	Shield Diag	60	-7		
159½	136½	Smith & Nephw	144½		4.4	16.0
21	9	Specialeyes	9			
292	192	Takare	214	-2	1.2	18.6
313	256	UniChem	262		3.5	15.3
400	294	West Hltcare	340	-5	1.7	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	223	Airsprung	244		2.5	15.2
193	115	BLP Group	168		0.7	46.1
39	26	Beacon Borsus	37			
167	95	Crowll Fla 'A'	95		7.5	21.5
285	190	Creighton Nl	190		5.1	13.4
162	133	Denby Group	155		3.5	17.6
168	113	Gasket	146			
14	4½	Lionhean	5		5.0	
231	166	Mayborn	185	-1	4.0	12.3
335	250	Ontrame	253		5.7	11.3
430	330	Osborne & Lttle	425		1.9	15.5
625	428	Paterson Zoch	457		3.9	
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	436		3.9	
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	564	-1	4.6	14.5
291	211	Relyon	257		2.6	21.9
378	194	Silentnight	221	-4	4.5	13.6
46	33	Stoddard	34		5.9	12.8
330	213	Tomkinsons	214		6.7	25.2
160	125	Victoria Carpet	132		3.9	7.3
114	97	Walker Greenbk	104		4.1	18.6
63	44	Wilford Wagoner	57	-1		44.4
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155		2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Aon & Ale	1243¾	-6¼	5.4	
2043½	1587½	Am Genl	1743¾		4.2	
112	84½	Angerstein	99			
86	47	Archer	57			
165	85	Brakdown	92			10.6
550	370	Bricknrac	400		4.1	
117	88½	CLM Insce	90	+½	2.3	
701½	421	Com Union	552	+6	5.1	20.7
108	86	Delian	90		0.7	
1950	1662	Dom & Genl	1670		2.1	17.5
64	33	Fair	37	-1	1.3	
221½	145	FBD K	164	-1	4.7	
194	140	Fenchurch Grp	156	-2	5.0	13.5
114	83	Finsbury Under	91½	-½	5.0	59.0
757	574	Gen Accident	584	-8	5.8	13.4
247	161	GRE†	191	+1	5.1	20.6
105	80	HCG Lloyd†	98	+1	4.0	24.2
457	211	Heath C E	219	-1	8.6	
245½	137½	Hogg Robinson	196	-1	4.5	7.4
114	86	Hiscox Select	100		1.5	
335	235	Independent	244	-1		5.5
241	178	Jardine Lloyd	180		6.5	16.3
203	124	JB Group	124	-1	7.5	11.4
547	407	Legal & Genl	432½	-4½	6.6	17.1
1434½	985¼	Lloyds Lees	1213½	-12½	7.5	
119	91	London Ins Mkt	95			
310	157	Lloyd Thompson	179	-1	5.5	11.7
471	333	Lloyds Abbey	331	+1	4.6	10.0
185	159	Lombard Inc	175		5.5	
443	308	London & Manch	338		6.7	16.1
119	91	London Ins Mkt	95		2.7	32.3
175	156	Lowndes Lmbt	157		3.2	
5837½	4556½	Marsh McLen	4706	-62¾	3.3	
110	84	Masthead	95			
183	147	Nelson Hurst	173		4.9	17.0
106	76	New London Cap	73	-5	5.3	
129½	109	Orion	112		5.6	
99	76½	Premium Trust	81		3.1	
134	101½	Premium Under	111	-2		
545	371	Prudential†	325½	-2½	6.2	14.0
83	31	PWS	32			
404	261	Refuge†	385		5.5	19.4
350	232½	Royal	282	+1	3.3	7.4
222	139	Sedgwick	137	-2	6.1	16.5
155	104	Steer Bodd	115		5.5	
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	78		5.5	
418	285	Sun Alliance†	335	+2	5.9	6.5
107	81	Syndicate Cap	84		1.3	
56	51	Tower Indemnity	60		1.9	12.4
464	332	Transatlantic	334		4.5	30.2
673	448	Utd Friendly	450		4.8	23.1
245	133	Willis Corroon	138	-1	6.0	12.4
28	20	Windsor	24			13.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	329½	+½	2.5	...
106½	79½	Abtrust Emerg	89			
102	86	Abtrust High Inct	87		8.0	
290	205	Abtrust N Dawn	222		0.5	
2058	1703	Alliance	1747		3.4	...
293	249½	American Trust	281	+1	2.6	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	414		2.2	
196	148	Baillie Gifford SN	148			
219	173	Bankers†	183	-1	2.7	
75½	45½	Baring Em Eur	47½	+½	0.3	
381	311	Baring Tribune	323		2.6	
248	198	Barry Starg	220		1.2	
215	162	Bioteo Inv	165			
120½	91	Br Assets	94	+½	5.8	
98	89	Br Empire Sec	92	+½	1.3	
46	31	Br Empire Wts	37			
234	188	Br Inv	212	+1	2.9	
97	63½	Brazilian	96½	+1	0.3	
272	221	Brunner	236	-1	2.8	
161	117	BZW Conv	128		7.6	
363	310	Candover	325		4.3	
65	50	Dedel Euro Gwth	54½			
371	180	China & Eastern	183	+2	2.4	
223	191	Conti Asset	191	-1	2.0	
95	81	Dares Inv Inc	81		12.3	
328	258	Derby Cap	280			
173	147	Derby Inc	160		12.3	
100	73	Drayton Blue	75	+1	14.0	
111	84	Dryn Eng Intl	82	+1	1.1	
156	128	Dryn Far East	140½		0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	629		5.2	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	88½			
341	292	Dundee Smlr	306		3.7	
60	38	Dundee Wts	39½			
827	725	Dunedin Wrds	758		1.6	
360	281	Edinburgh†	301	+½	3.7	
53½	42½	Edinburgh Inct	50½	+½		
122	92½	EFM Dragon	112½	+½		
179	139	EFM Japan	161			
354	286	Electric Inv	327½		2.7	
220	185	Electric Gen	193½		2.1	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	181		2.8	
127	108	English Scot	118½			
345	286	European Asset	294		3.0	
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val	157		0.2	
103½	84	Fidelity Jap Val	84½			
172	148	Fleming 'A'†	153	+½	2.4	
86	73	First Spanish	73		0.4	
343	276½	Fleming Amer	283	+1	0.5	
145	75	Fleming Chinese†	81	-½	0.8	
267	196	Fleming Clavert	208		3.3	
385	302½	Fleming Conti	317	-1	0.9	
264	190	Fleming Ento	208		2.9	
453	327	Fleming F East	351	+1	0.5	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	381		1.0	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	99		5.6	
109	80	Fleming Indian	92	-1		
52½	36	Fleming Inv	38		11.7	
284	223	Fleming Japan	248			
347	268½	Fleming Merc	279		3.0	
347½	280½	Fleming Overs	280	-1	1.8	
92	36	Fleming Wts	38	-1		
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	133		1.7	
106	94	For & Col Inc Gwth	102			
148	106½	Frgn Eng Mkts	122		0.3	
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	70½	-½	1.1	
261	216	Frgn Eurost	229		0.7	
220	114	Frgn German	122		0.5	
374	307	Frgn Pacific	316		1.0	
144	116	Frgn PEP†	122		3.6	
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	165		1.5	
120	91	Frgn US Smlr	100			
28½	21½	Falcon Cap	25			
54	46	Falcon Inc	48		22.6	
142½	134½	Falcon Zero	138½			
213	191	Gartmore Bity	193		2.4	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	135		8.8	
130	92	Gartmore Shrl	92	-½	13.0	
128	103	Geared Inc Invt	109		9.5	
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	150			
115½	105	Genl Inc	108		10.4	
151	101	Gov Emg Mks	121	-1	0.3	
191	138	Govett Am Smlr	144			
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	86			
112	78	Govett High Inc	84		7.0	
429	349	Govett Oriental	393	+2	0.4	
346	231	Govett Strategic†	234	+½	3.6	
475	410	Greenfriar	416		2.0	
19	19	Gresham House	19			
303	237	GT Japan	237		0.7	
155	119	H Gowet Smlr Co†	122		1.0	
138	113	Hend High	115		6.2	
293	257	Hend Strata	281		0.6	
105	86	Herald	92			
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	105		0.5	
27	13	I&S Ent	14			
119	94	I&S UK Smlr	107		3.3	
158	122	Inv Capt	127	+½	5.1	
119	90	Inv Biotech	90			
50	30	Inv Wts	37			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	153			
122	88½	J Fry 2nd U	98		8.5	
100	94	J Fry Euro U	96		8.2	
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	220			
121	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	108		3.9	
243	195	Kiwet Cbt	201		3.2	
149	115	Kleinwort E Mkt	129			
124	105	Kleinwort End	119			
162	153	Murray S/C DP	157½			
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	140			
87	82	Murray S/C Inct	82		10.2	
3400	2850	Murray S/C Ulst	3050		4.3	
548	424	Murray Smalt†	482		1.1	
383	302½	Murray Vent†	389		4.7	
58	33	Murray Ent Wts	33			
23½	16	Murray Eo Wts	17½			
58	16	Newmarket†	15			
95	60	NatWest Inc	60	-1	9.0	
104	65	NatWest Cap	74			
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst†	353	+½	1.2	
241	179	O'seas Wts	202	-1		
640½	433	Pacific Assets	537	+3	0.3	
542	335	Pacific Wts	430	+2		
120	89	Perpetual Jap	102½			
9400	7900	Personal Assets†	8760		2.8	
153	124	Pilot Inv	125		1.6	
96	91	Piper Euro Sm	92			
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	+2	1.0	
38	29	River Merc Am Cap	29			
121	104	River Merc Am Inc	104		9.4	
77	13	River Merc Am Wts	13½			
158	118	River Merc Cap	118			
147	91	River Merc Ex Inct	93		10.5	
49	14	River Merc Ex IncWt	17			
116	85	River Merc Grd Inct	85		11.1	
35	23	River Merc Grd Pfl	26½			
127	112	River Merc Tst Inc	113		10.2	
40	22	River Merc Wt	22½			
170	118	River Merc Sm Co	122		4.2	
77	31	River Merc Sm Wt	35			
449	405	Robeco	412		3.1	
463	415	Rolinco	420		1.9	
124	68	Schroders Jap	71	+½		
99	87	Schrod Jap Gwth	87			
52	40½	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	40½	-½		
36½	½	Schrod Jap Wt	11½			
1112½	761½	Schrod Korea Fd	978	+8½	0.1	
650½	411	Sch Korea Fd Wt	489	+4½		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	105¾			
37	27½	Sch Split Fd Cap	30½			
129	108	Sch Split Fd Inc	113		8.5	
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	94			
42	33	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	39	-1		
262½	208	Scot	210½	-½	2.9	
183	150½	Scot American†	155	+½	3.8	
368	238	Scot Asian	288	+7		
1070	663	Scot Mts	803			
97½	77	Scot Eastern	81½		2.4	
264½	205	Scot Mtgel	219		2.4	
106½	91½	Scot Nat Tst	92½		10.1	
133½	104	Scot Value	107		2.4	
1795	1515	Second Alliance	1533	-3	3.4	
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot†	81		5.0	
179	148	Selective Asset	157		1.2	
161	128	SHIRESCOT†	132	+½	5.1	
51½	35	Spirex Inv†	35		13.8	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	305		3.2	
412	310	Temple Bar	330		5.0	
135	102	Throg Asian E	108	+1	0.6	
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	468			
101	71½	Throgmorton	73½	-½	3.9	
164½	116	Tplton Emg Mkt	120½	+½	0.7	
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon†	146½		4.5	
205	149	TR Far East	157½	+1	4.4	
124½	86	TR Pacific	117		0.2	
43½	32	TR Property	34½		3.3	
228	179	TR Smlr Cos	183½	+½	2.6	
152	106	TR Tech Inv	108		2.0	
405	190	Tabey Trust	280	+4	1.8	
359	233	USDC Invest	241		2.3	
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	118½	+1	4.5	
109	65	Wigmore	68			
257½	305	Witan	228		3.2	
113	104	Yeoman Inc	107		15.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
131	81	1st Choice	119		3.7	
40	26	Abrao Sik H	34			
578½	416	Airtours	420	+3	2.7	14.6
48½	18	Ald Leis	18			
177	141	Alpha Airpts†	141	-2	3.6	
48	36	Arcadian	40			
131	85	Baldwin	111		3.9	19.1
333	259	Barr & W 'A'	259	-3	4.8	10.8
250	139½	Bluebird Toys†	233	+4	3.2	6.9
365	231	Boosey Hwks	338	-3	1.9	20.0
7¾	2¾	Brent Walker	3			
300	100	Bristol Scotts†	183		2.0	
7¾	1½	Buckingham Int	1½			
247	114	Chrysalis	235		1.7	
94	74	City Centre Rest	77		2.9	15.6
374	385	Compass Gp	316	+1	2.7	18.6
290	232	Eurocamp	258	-1	4.8	10.7
213	78	Euro Disney	115			
4	2¾	Euro Leisure	2¾			
455	308	Fairline Boats	435		3.4	30.3
350	345	First Leisure	259		3.3	18.6
285	209½	Forte†	233		4.0	27.6
207	169	Friendly Hotels†	178		4.0	29.8
79	49	GR Hldgs†	55	+½	2.5	
598	475	Granada	511½	-2½	2.2	20.2
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports†	41		8.5	8.0
216	176	Hornby	180		6.2	15.7
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	157	-½	4.4	14.0
18½	11½	Kunick	14½			
265	200	London Clubs	255	+2	5.6	13.5
217½	145	Ladbroke†	153	-4	2.8	27.0
104	66	Magnolia	66		0.2	
702	539	Man Utd†	637		4.1	
109¼	74½	Mandarin Orntl	79½	+1½	4.0	20.9
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½			
67	34	Normans†	63		6.0	10.4
102	65½	Pelican Gp	92		1.5	
141	109	PizzaExpress†	124	+1	2.0	19.1
183	120	Prism Leisure	139		4.4	8.5
43	35	Quadrant Grp	25			
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	257	-2	2.2	38.7
447½	355½	Rank Org	410	+4	3.8	26.3
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels (E)	26½		4.9	15.1
1125	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938		0.5	
92	60½	Stakis	82½	+1	1.8	29.7
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	340		1.9	19.2
349½	280	Tanpeng	280		0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1000	-3	4.2	20.4
167	75	Tottenham Hot	127		1.0	34.1
154	129	VCI	153		1.7	13.7
149	112	Vardon†	122		1.2	21.6
18	5½	Wembley	6½			
149	110	Zetters Gp	134		7.9	

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	346		2.1	31.3
355	198	Adscene	283		2.9	20.3
33	17½	Aegis Gp	26			
11¼	5½	Allied Radio	5½			
35	15	BBB Design	15			7.7
235	183	Barbour Index	183		5.8	15.8
13½	6½	Bricale	7½			
345	320	Black (A&C)	335		5.0	12.1
402	213	Blenheim Grp	242	+1	5.3	9.8
235	133	Boxer TV	175	-3	2.9	14.6
413	365	Bristol	376		4.1	29.0
169	117½	CIA Gp	135	-1	1.6	21.8
439	328	Capital Radio	341	+1	2.3	30.1
1047	787	Carlton Comm	875	+7	2.8	19.3
38	78	City of Lon	93		5.0	14.2
1850	1108	Daily Mail	1338½		1.4	31.8
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	875		1.9	22.8
314	280	Dorling Kind†	288		1.4	
469	365	EMAP	392½	+8½	2.8	24.4
641	539	Elsevier	619	-2½	3.1	20.1
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1638		3.3	
17½	8	Fitch	12			
485	308	Flextech	478	-2		
1033	675	GWR Gp	874		1.5	31.8
275	170	Gold Greenlees	170		3.9	20.5
34	23	Goodhead†	24		0.3	
358	228	Grampian	335		2.8	17.9
172	108	HTV Group	144		1.5	32.2
194	32	Harrington K	40		3.1	
515	328	Haynes Pub	388	-5	2.9	28.1
408	328	Hodder H'line	328		2.0	33.4
180	120	Home Counts	175		3.6	42.8
349	273½	Independent	290	-3	2.8	9.8
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	219		2.8	10.6
182	118	Inteassoct	124	-1	7.9	
167½	137½	Johnston Press	152		1.6	21.9
33½	20½	Lopex	21		1.5	23.7
110	43	MAID	48			72.8
492	338	Metal Bulletin	480		2.9	24.9
177½	123	Midland Ind	123½	-3½	2.8	16.9
203	123	Miron Gp	145		0.9	7.7
481	344	More O'Ferrall	350	+1	4.2	20.2
343	242½	News Corp	254	-7	0.6	16.2
314	224	News Intl	244	-5	0.7	19.0
60	31	Osprey Comms†	31		0.4	
735	552	Pearson	617½		2.7	21.2
440	210	Phonelink	229	-1		
760	605	Portsmth Sund	606		2.2	18.0
338	258	Quarto	258		3.9	13.8
964	722	Reed Int	773	+8	3.1	28.4
539½	424	Reuters	474½	+2½	1.8	23.8
178	127	Saatchi	156	+1		30.4
628	395	Scott Radio	583	+3	2.3	22.8
574	355	Scot TV†	437		3.6	29.3
40½	20½	SelecTV	35	+½		
37	20½	Shandwick	25			
249	187	Southnews	249		1.2	6.8
200	136	Sterling Pub	136		1.5	32.6
153	125	Sweet & Maxwell	130	-1	3.3	11.6
48½	26½	Taylor Nelson†	35½	-½	2.2	21.4
622	310	Telegraph	338	-2	4.8	11.9
885	695	Thomson Corp	735		5.2	38.2
472	378	Trinity Intl	379		3.3	17.5
780	518	Ulster TV	784	-2	2.8	21.8
731	479	Utd Newspapers†	529	-2	5.4	12.8
161	115	VIR	128		3.9	28.3
38½	22½	WMGO	22½		2.8	11.9
129	83½	WPP†	114	+2	1.1	16.3
388	150	Yorkshire TV	389	-1		

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	85	Alex Corp	100		3.4	6.8
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3162½		3.0	16.7
3782½	2509½	Ang Am	3706¼	+18¾	1.9	34.8
7331¼	4533¼	Ang Am Gold†	6781¼	+15¾	4.0	17.7
38	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½			
1512½	1195½	Ashanti	1378½	+3½		
186	122	Ashton	122	-1	4.3	
988	773½	Broken Hill	893	-11	2.3	36.1
404	275	Bakyrchik	286			
481	294½	Beatrix	447½	+4	4.0	25.1
38	34	Bisichi	35		2.4	30.2
184	90½	Blyvoors	132½	+1½		
64	39	Bougainville	45	+1		
37	12½	Bracken	17½	+½	5.1	
698	580½	Buffels	642¼	+2	8.5	
6	2½	Butte	2½			
968	745½	CRA	835	-9	2.6	26.1
77	45	Central Pacific	52			
55½	36	Chell Res	43½	-½		
148	28	Coal Inv	85	+4		
300	65	Cons Murchison	244	+1	2.8	
1750	1318½	De Beers	1525	+18¾	3.5	16.0
148	88	Deelkraal	109½	+1	3.3	9.5
101¼	30½	Doornfontein	68½	+½		
1036½	665½	Driefontein	982	+1	4.4	14.3
941¼	549½	Durban	883½	-7½		
203½	167	E Rand Gold†	171	+1½	12.0	5.5
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	82½	+½		
75	48	Eastern Trans	65		3.9	13.9
513	300½	Elandsrand	471¼	+4½	3.4	10.8
443½	320	Eng China Clt	349	-4	5.8	16.8
1238	741½	FS Consl†	968½	+4½	6.0	11.9
82	27	FS Dev	70		1.8	
1975	1183½	GFSA	1950		1.9	28.8
80½	57½	GM Kalgoorl	54	-1	2.6	20.0
239½	108½	Gencor	239½	-1	1.2	26.6
128	75	Gold Fields Prop	118		7.9	
157	85	Gopeng	85		0.3	
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	-		
202	105½	Grootvlei	159½	-2½	6.0	8.4
92	67	Gwalia Cons	91½	-½	1.0	11.1
680½	319½	Harmony	582½	+5½		
430	289½	Hartles	388	+2½	9.3	9.0
1531¼	831½	Impala Plat	1306¼	+12½	1.7	46.2
230	122	Kidston	150		8.0	13.5
1315½	800½	Kinross	1112½	+3½	4.3	15.3
1094½	558½	Kloof	1025½	+5½	3.1	10.8
137	68½	Leslie	116½	+½	9.2	6.8
368½	176½	Loraine	302½	+2½		
39	17	Medallions	20			
3	2½	Minorco	3			
162	116	MIM	118	-5	2.9	
1782½	1509½	Minorco	1850	+12½	2.2	
324	158	Monarch	195	-1		
202½	88	NSM	89	+1		10.2
201½	148½	Nth Bdn Hill	152	-6	3.4	22.4
94	45	Onyx Gold	48			
101	65	Pancontinental	76	-3		
463	255	Petaling Tin	285	+25	0.5	
189	122½	Placer Pac	176	-1		
8½	4½	Premier Land	5	-½		
425	317	RJB	346		4.4	18.8
905	790	RTZ†	839	+7	3.1	23.9
48	34	Rockwood	34			
650	187½	Rand Mines	650		1.7	
840½	547½	Randfontein	665½	+8	7.5	8.3
425	207	Reunion	234	+2		
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1703½	+21½	1.7	
112	70	St Barbara	74	+1		
756	539½	St Helena	649½	+5½	6.8	
280	195	Sons Gwalia	255		4.6	16.6
30	16	Sthn Pacific	21			
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1931¼	+59	4.5	22.2
5	1	Stanwin	1			
143	73	Sillfontein	104	+1	20.6	3.5
261½	98	Unisel	207½	+2½	2.9	15.8
7600	4943¼	Vaal Reefs	6103¼	-27¾	4.2	9.9
23	7½	Wankie Col Z	15		6.3	3.6
545	450	Welts Bluff	530		2.9	20.0
1213½	309½	Western Areas	1135½	-12½	8.3	10.5
3575	2050	Western Deep	3021½	-18½	3.4	19.4
398	300½	Western Mng	349	-13	1.1	54.1
1225	603½	Winkels	931¼	+9¾	5.1	13.0
66	47	Zambia Copper	48			
68	48	Zandpan	58	+2	8.6	11.7

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40	24½	Aran Energy	30½	-½	...	23.8
53	35	Arcon Intl	39			
74½	61½	Aus Oil & Gas	63	+1½		
68	43	Aviva Pet	60			
249	187	Br Borneo	213		4.2	10.0
358	253	British Gas†	294½	+3	6.2	
437½	340	Br Petroleum†	418½	+4	2.9	22.9
4	1¼	Bula Resources	2¾			
919	811	Burmah Castrol	843	-14	4.1	16.8
84	56	Cairn Energy	83	+2		45.7
375	258	Calor Grp	284	-3	5.5	13.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	40		1.1	
30	11½	Copiex Res	11½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	2	+½		
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gas	22			23.7
486	370	Enterprise	376	-2	5.3	
26½	21	Fastwest Intl	25	-½	4.0	18.2
303	253	Fogas	285		3.8	11.8
8½	4½	Fortune	5½			
77	54	Goal Pet	65	-1	2.8	21.8
47	31	Gt Western Res	44			
177	137	Hardy O & G	150		0.8	19.2
55	40	Kelt Energy	50		3.3	
160	110½	Lasmo	146	+½	0.9	
73	48	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
75	55	Monument	68			73.7
7½	3½	New London	4½			
2540½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2302½	+9¾	1.4	
9½	3½	Oceonics	4½	+		
50	35	Oil Search	38	-2		
50½	17½	Petroz	38	-½		
168	148	Pict Pet	148			
32½	21½	Premier	28	-½		14.1
138	85	Presidio	85		7.8	
111	85	Pittencrieff Rs	90			
282	128	Ranco Egy	220		0.3	
463	325	Ranger	375		5.4	
7700	6881½	Royal Dtch Pl	6871¼	-118¾	4.6	18.0
4084½	3321½	Schlumberger	3625	+31¼	2.1	
68	43	Scott Pickford	52		2.2	
67	50	Seafield	66	+1		
758	651	Shell	702½	-1½	4.4	21.3
187	116	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116			
4237½	3481¼	Total	3953¾	-25	4.5	
19	9½	Villiers Gp	11	-½		
237	176½	Woodside	218	-1	1.7	
110	28	XCL	78			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	79	BMD	93		5.6	7.6
126	96	Baltic Plc	123		2.0	7.6
185	83	Berry Bch Hdt	83		7.7	12.5
154	134	Brewin Dolphin	124		5.8	9.2
757	623	Caledonia	671	+1	3.0	18.6
2650	1300	Carnelsk	2262½	-37½	1.8	6.0
37	12½	Carlisle	20½		1.4	
630½	449	Cater Allen	506	+1	8.9	10.4
174½	125	Cattles	139		4.7	15.6
65	40	Cheetle	40			
80	60	Claybird	74		4.4	
16	12	EFG	13½		0.9	8.8
71½	45½	EFT Group	60	-1	3.6	12.8
735	513	EFM	733	+3	4.1	22.0
212	170	Exco	170	-1	6.2	9.2
228	157	Gartmore	187	+5	2.7	21.6
515	395	Gerrard Natt	478	+3	6.3	12.8
485	353	Govett	382		5.1	6.0
50	28	Headway	36	+1	2.4	28.0
1208	845	Henderson Ad	986	+18	5.8	13.5
251½	151	Inresco	176	+2	2.7	28.9
50	37	Investment Co	43		5.9	13.5
250	185	Ivory Sime	241		3.9	18.8
317	214½	Jardine Gp	230½	+½	3.4	9.7
428	150	Johnson Fry	157	-1	1.2	
170	106	King Shaxson	112		10.0	11.1
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	160	-2	7.3	10.0
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	111		4.0	16.9
1243	794	M & G	987	+5	3.5	20.7
223	219	MAM†	231½	+3½	4.2	12.6
117½	87½	MAL 5.9% Cv Pfl	88½	-3		
770	538	MAM†	628	+3½	4.6	14.5
25¼	8¼	Nat Home Loan	15½	-½		0.3
1288	970	Perpetual	1164	+3	2.5	16.8
575	415	Provident	533		4.2	17.0
386	247	Rathbone Bs	255	-3	4.2	12.8
28	21½	Rolland Tst	26½	-½	4.3	13.3
358	261½	S & U†	318		4.3	10.3
426	167	Sharelink	191		5.3	7.1
188	116	SJP Capital	127	+1	3.0	7.8
405	324	Smith New Crt	359	+1	3.5	3.0
604	431	Save & Prosper 'A'	463½	+4½	2.0	
224	130	Tawer Lasr	130	-2	4.3	11.2
129	25	Tdo Hldgs	28		6.7	12.7
199	87	Union	89		6.5	8.2
31	20	Western Selecs	25		1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
815	311½	Brit Biotech	395	-4	...	...
489	393	Cantab Pharms	393			
233	191	Celltech	222			
151	88	Chiroscience	92			
47	40½	Cortecs	47			
157	107	Fisons†	127½	+1½	2.6	
725	520	Glaxo†	619	+10½	5.5	14.9
165	85½	Grampian Hldgt	102		6.7	18.9
182	120	Medeva†	172		2.0	13.6
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	265		2.1	15.4
255	242	Scotia	255			
82	44	Shield Diag	60	-1		
469½	357½	SmithKline†	420	+7	3.7	18.4
421	322	SmithKline Unit	394	+6	4.9	15.0
731	488	Wellcome	692½	+	3.2	15.2
873	672	Zeneca	866	+5	4.0	17.4

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	133	AG Holdings	135		5.2	
444	347	API	347		3.1	21.8
316	237	Arjo Wiggins†	273½	+3½	3.0	41.2
205	145	Aspen Coms	165		3.8	18.8
472	382	Bemrose†	382		4.3	13.0
171	97	Bingden	111	-2	1.7	51.9
524	469	Bowater	448	+6	3.6	16.8
1885¼	1378¼	Bowater Inc	1609¼	+31¼		
297	248	Boxmore Intl	272		1.9	18.6
515	435	Br Polythene†	455		3.4	18.0
176	38	Br Thornton	38		19.7	3.3
180½	126	Brites Gp	126	-½	2.5	18.6
186	159	Bunzl†	164		3.1	19.3
186	129	Capital Indst	189		3.5	12.5
2446½	1890½	Canson Mtl	2278½	+8½	2.1	17.8
439	297	Cropper (James)	297		1.5	14.9
1021	825	De La Rue	1003	+2	2.5	21.4
114	78	Delyn Group†	82		2.5	14.9
137	103	Dolphin Packt	105	+2	5.4	13.5
101	75	Fairway Group	85		4.5	17.7
430	302	Ferguson Intl†	331	-2	4.8	13.3
145	120	Fatty Pick	121		5.9	
30	3	Hunterprint	3			
200	150	Inveresk	151		4.1	9.1
286	248	Jarvis Porter†	282		2.4	20.3
438	384	Low & Bonar	410	-1	3.1	16.4
70	43	MY Holdings	51		3.5	12.8
271	222	Macfarlane	265	-1	1.9	21.3
250	172	Mlyer	172		5.1	24.6
828	813	Portals†	868	-4½	3.0	18.7
412	314	St Ives Grp	342	+1	2.3	18.5
1111	464½	Seppi	1096½	+25½	0.5	
30½	13½	Seral	13½	-1		
351½	192	Sidlaw	204		6.7	10.1
573	398	Smith David	508		2.8	22.7
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	355	-8	1.6	50.4
119	82	Sonic	89	+3	3.9	9.4
45	18½	Unit Group	34			
270	182	Wace	236	-2	2.1	15.1
291	209	Waddington (J)	227	+3	4.7	11.1
511	365	Watmough	393		2.2	24.9
149	98	Wyndeham	147		2.5	18.6

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lon†	96		5.1	12.3
278	253	Argent	262			
144	109	Asdet	117		2.4	28.8
282½	238	Billon	246		4.9	17.8
283	238	Bilsby	238		3.2	17.5
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	18			
108	72	Bourne End†	78		1.2	
278	177	Bradford	181	+1	4.8	15.8
137	103	Brightstone	107		4.4	24.2
474	360	Br Land	383	+1	2.5	33.6
278	177	Brixton†	184		5.5	16.4
118	86½	Burford	91	-1	2.2	29.5
112	97	CLS Hldgs†	97		6.3	
207½	125½	Cap & Regnlt	142		1.4	32.1
223	191	Cap Shop Cen	203	-2	4.0	48.8
325	213	Cardiff Prop	218	-6	1.5	47.6
86	39	Cathay Intl	29½	+½		
185	152	Chelsfield	159		1.9	53.8
678	490	Chesterfield†	491	-1	3.2	21.6
112	66	Chesterton Intl	79		4.4	13.1
84	56	City Site Est	62			
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7		3.8	14.6
87½	77½	Conspect	77½		6.3	
48	30	Consol Hold GS	32		2.0	28.0
1735	1280	Daejan	1290		2.8	15.0
25½	5	Dares Estates	9½			
17	4	De Morgan	4			
158	98½	Decoration Tws	103		4.2	16.7
188	181	Deacon	183	-1	2.5	43.8
347½	243	Derwent Hldgst	243		2.4	21.7
41	21	Development Secs	21½	-½	0.6	
51	45	Dwyer	45			
53	25	Elsco	31			
480	275	Estates Agency†	325		4.8	39.5
47	18	Estates Gen	24			
132	108	Evans Of Leeds	108		5.1	17.8
43½	24	Ex-Landst	25½		2.1	
80	64	Fecal Propt	65		1.2	
37	27½	Five Oaks†	28	+½	2.4	
62	38	Fletcher King	42		4.2	22.3
51	38	Follas Groupt	45		4.5	
51	38	Follas Group Inv†	38		4.8	22.1
538	407	Frogmore†	431		4.9	15.6
325	228	Grainger	244		3.1	
260	174	Gr Portland	183		6.5	34.8
226½	118	Greycoat	121	+2		
84	39	Hambro Cntyw	43		8.7	45.7
435	311	Hammerson†	346	+2	3.6	34.7
330	268	Helical Bar†	324		2.8	11.8
40½	28	Hemingway	30		1.7	51.5
38	24	Herring Baker	25		9.1	
75	48	High-Point†	48	+½	1.3	
209	144½	HK Land	160	+1½	3.9	
317½	135½	Jermyn	154	+4		77.1
782	565	Land Sec	619	+1	4.8	17.6
16	6	Lon & Metro	7			0.2
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	97		5.4	14.3
562	469	MEPC	417	+2	5.6	24.0
13½	6	McInerney A	6½			
190	164	McKay Secs	181		3.6	17.9
85	59	Marlborough	67		3.7	10.3
55	27	Moorfield Est	34		3.7	
1425	1159½	Mountview	1200	+43½	2.3	11.9
186	144	Muckiow (A&J)†	147	+2	5.3	19.5
1½	1	OMI	1			
64	31	Olives Prop	31	-2		11.8
191	141	PSIT	141	-1	4.1	20.0
338	235	Peel	236		2.4	
182	142	Pillar Prop	147		3.1	
12½	3	Power Corp	3			
77	66	RPS Group	68		4.8	12.3
53	31½	Raglan	34			12.5
40	23½	Regalian	28			9.9
180	140	Rodillion Secs	165		1.4	10.5
134	108	Rugby Estt	107		2.6	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	60	-½	3.0	12.5
78	59	Saville Gdns (J)	65		5.2	18.9
100	57	Scotts	57		4.9	9.2
108	75	Scot Metr	75		3.3	8.7
61	48	Secure Rtdin	46			
135	94	Shelbourne	94			
307	213	Slough Estates	220	-3	4.6	47.0
108	65	Southend Prop	56		5.4	
133	103	Speyhawk Stnpr	104		2.9	
30	10	Stockley Prps	17			
39	34	TBI	35½	+½		1.9
244	187	Town Cntr	188		1.6	40.0
153	118	Town Centre	122	+1½	3.9	18.1
187	85	Trafford Park	88		4.6	
29½	15	Trenchwood	18			
63	38	UK Land	46	-1		
317	214	Warner	215		6.5	20.7
260	218	Warnford	224		4.4	18.3
7½	1½	Waterglade	#2			
108½	68	Wates	64			
45	29	Wimpey Mck	37	-1		
105	68	Wood Jons D-	68	-2	3.7	
30	15	YRM	16	-1		

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	50½	ASDA Group	64½	+1½	3.4	14.9
315	222½	Argyll	259½	+4	5.3	11.8
505	413	Booker Bds	451	+4	2.0	16.1
43	24	Budgens	25		6.0	15.6
17	11½	Colkers	14			
137	76½	Dairy Farm Int	80	+1½	4.5	11.2
394	344	Fatcanik	348		2.4	19.8
80	37	Fiberdios	41		11.3	
108	87	Fyffes	104	-1	1.7	17.8
371	180	Greeis	180	-6	5.6	
1078	853	Greggs	1048		2.3	19.7
385	325	Guesscor	383		3.2	11.5
211	133	Iceland Group	161	+1	3.1	10.0
658	523	Kwik Save	558		4.5	9.4
376	138	Low (Wm)	384		2.9	12.1
18	9	Merchant Retail	10			
149	99	Morrison (W)	140	+1	0.9	16.3
232	185	Nurdin Peack	186		3.0	8.2
146	85½	Park Foods	118	-1	2.5	23.9
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury J†	409½	+1½	3.3	14.5
255	208½	Tesco†	246½	-½	4.1	12.3
198	162	Thornton	176		3.4	14.4
422	279	Watson & Philip	277		4.8	16.2

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	38			
248	203	Allders	212½	-1½	3.6	15.8
410	307	Argos Plct	339	-1	3.1	17.8
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	81	-1	0.2	
357	134	Aspray	148	-11	6.2	7.2
248	178	Austin Reed	235		2.9	11.8
168	133	Beattie (J) 'A'	134		5.6	17.5
150	110	Bentalls	124		3.4	43.0
165	36	Beleeuw	39	-2	7.0	5.4
48	28	Blacks Leis	36			
264	195½	Body Shop†	218		1.2	19.2
601	452	Boots†	513	+5½	3.8	16.4
12½	2¼	Brown & Jackson	2½			
251	218	Brown (N)†	227		3.2	20.2
74½	61	Burton	70½	+1	3.8	33.1
345	153	Cantors	153		3.3	
304	220	Carpetright	242		3.5	20.3
246	152	Church's Int	168	+1	3.6	23.1
520	386	Church	483	-2	3.4	24.8
171	98	Clinton Cards†	101		5.6	14.7
170	83	City Centre	91	+1	5.8	23.1
693	720	Courts Furnit	888	-2	1.9	38.2
210	155	Crown Eye	160	-5	7.4	7.9
953	245	DFS Furniture†	254		3.5	
297	170	Dixons Gp	191½		4.3	20.3
580	530	Etys (Wimbldn)	580		3.8	27.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	7½	-½	3.2	
284	187	Essex Furnt	168			
326	217	Etam	264	-4	3.7	14.5
558	435	Fine Art Dev	425	-4	4.1	13.5
68	46	Fired Earth	67			
106	74	Flying Flowers	74	...	1.8	14.3
278	128	French Conn	340			16.5
284	305	Frost Group†	339		2.8	22.7
66	49	Glevest	60		3.1	21.4
133	85	Goldsmiths Gp†	130	+2	1.8	18.8
653	524	GUS†	554	-1	2.9	18.3
196	164	Hamleys†	171	+2	3.4	18.5
31	21	Hampden Grp	23		5.4	16.2
227	178	Hse of Fraser†	187	-5	3.3	18.8
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	82		3.9	13.5
778	454	Kingfisher†	472	+5	3.8	12.4
276	156	Kwiksave	156		0.8	34.8
485	325	Liberty	330		1.8	
363	277	Lloyds Chemt	302	-3	3.9	9.7
184	126	MFI	139		4.6	17.4
460½	380	Marks Spencer†	461	+4½	3.8	17.6
680	495	Menzies (John)	501		2.9	12.5
377	238	Moss Brost	351		3.9	13.9
275	214	Next†	245	+1½	3.4	15.8
39	20	OEM	29			
66	39	Oliver (G)	91			26.1
113	80	Partridge Fine	80	-2	4.5	18.6
37	12	Pentos	18½			
288	165	QS Hldgs†	185		2.9	18.1
62	20	Ratners Grp	20	-1	3.1	19.0
308	140	Beckers	140		4.2	16.4
132	99½	Sealey	107	-½	4.4	16.2
46	20½	Signet Group	21			7.2
549	427	Smith WH	453	-3	4.2	23.4
1280	738	Sotheby's	770	-3	3.6	20.2
252	188	Storehouse	215	+3	3.2	18.1
181½	151½	Stylo	166		2.8	11.2
198	146	T & S Stores†	157		4.9	11.1
173	114	Tie Rack	134	+4	1.6	15.9
539	384	Vendome	510	-2	1.4	38.2
70	30	WEW Group†	30½	+½	2.9	
93½	52	Wd of Leather	80		1.1	
195	138	Wyevale	155		3.7	16.4

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	597	+4	4.6	14.6
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	385		3.5	22.2
140	105	Burn Stewart	121		5.2	26.6
506	375	Grand Met	489	+2	4.1	17.9
542	428	Guinness	486½	+2	3.5	15.4
457	353	Highland Dist	419		2.2	18.9
222	127	Macallan-Glen	218		0.7	55.0
695	365	Martin Mtn 'A'	675		1.8	27.7
614	515	Matthew Clark	518	+1	4.3	12.1
250	98	Merydew W	99	-2	3.2	
190	142	Taunton Cider	152		5.4	11.8

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	96	ACT Group	97	-1	8.3	8.1
740	563	ADT	749	+30		
46	34	Alphameric	42			32.8
140	68	Auto Sec	78			9.8
162	99	BET Orbt	108½	+½	4.9	18.1
195	115	BNB Rest	184		9.4	21.5
255	175	BPP	217	+2	5.1	15.5
186	133	BSM	137	-1	5.9	11.7
1½	¼	Black & Edg	¼			
1100	637½	Borland	650			
236	159	Brit Data Mgt	182		3.7	
79	57	Brooks Service	64		3.4	
117½	87	CRT Grp	87½	-	4.6	21.5
238	156	Capita Group	185	+1	2.1	21.8
423	292	Chubb Sec	322	+1	2.4	18.8
228	106	Compt People	228		1.4	51.9
85	41	Corp Services	58		8.5	22.2
97	48	Cedis Chelsy	52½		1.8	
278	212	Davis Service	225		4.5	15.1
83	68	Dudley Jenkins	67		8.1	14.8
154	85	EW Fact	86		6.4	7.2
199½	135	El Data Plc	138		1.7	12.8
334	261	Hays†	283	-2	2.8	20.8
289	202	Hogg Robinson	202	-2	4.4	14.7
39	18	Holmes Protectn	27			1.6
15	8	Int Cm & Data	12			
2595½	1884½	ISS B DKr	1748½	+18¾	0.0	1.9
165	128	JBA Hldgs†	129	-2	2.3	13.1
414	248	Johnson Clean	251		5.4	10.2
145	99	Kalamazoo	120		3.4	13.8
298	221	Kewill Sys	277	+6	2.3	12.0
35	19	Laser-Scan	19			
143½	68	LBMS	96	-2		
4	1	Lep	4½			
321	266	Logica	296	+2	2.1	21.9
354	125	MDIS	132	+1½	5.9	8.2
194	143	MMT Comp	192		6.2	
216	110	MR Data Mngt	119	-1	5.8	
723	423	Mazda 4	439		3.7	12.3
1865½	1150½	Manpower	1837½	+25	0.2	
1320	780	Micro Focus	878	+3		10.8
178	113	Microgen	113		4.7	11.2
548½	423	Mayo	423		2.4	
194	141½	Mills Gp	187		3.8	21.9
25	23	Novo Group	23		1.1	
82	24	OIS Intl	24		6.0	4.5
84	60	P & P	73		3.9	18.1
115	65	Michael Page	105		2.7	25.8
143	90	Parity	135		2.1	35.3
235	160	Pegasus	160		3.9	18.1
115	83	Pierce	84		6.8	
89½	60½	Prowdfoot	71	-1	8.2	12.2
415	290	RCO	330		5.8	11.4
48	27	Richer	27		3.2	
169	73	Rentokil	150		3.5	11.4
177	104	Reed Executive	154	-3		
183	105	Reliance Sec	155	+3		
279	189	Rentokil	234	+2	1.8	24.1
194	138	Ricardo	145		5.2	17.8
210	147½	Rolle & Nolan	210	+10	2.4	32.2
678	507	Sage Gp	660		2.1	
392	243	Salvesen (C)	269	+1	3.6	14.8
94	77	Sanderson Elec	78	+1	4.8	
17½	9	Select App	13½			
438	310	Serco Gp	452		1.8	26.0
307	243	Serco Gp	295	+3	1.5	28.9
139	75	Shared Corp	94			
138	93	Shelbly	98		4.1	16.3
254	182	Stat-Plus	182		6.3	17.3
145	100	Unipalm	105	-1		
31	20½	Vistec	21		2.4	11.4
65	37	WSP Hldgs	51		4.7	29.9
338	325	Wiener Howd	325		3.0	15.3

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	359½	BT	387½	+2	5.8	18.5
543	380	Cable Wireless	383½	-½	2.8	15.8
1543	1146	Securicor	1452	+5	0.3	36.8
1069	786	Securicor 'A'	940	+3	0.4	23.5
892	686	Securily Serv	778	+1	0.9	24.4
220	157½	Vodafone	217½	+9¾	1.6	28.4

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	84	Albion	87	+1	5.7	4.3
230	146	Alexdra Wt	147		4.9	15.7
617	488	Allied Text	508	+5	3.2	15.5
189	90	Alkco	95		10.7	30.1
45	31	Automagic	35			
270	214	Baird (Wm)	218		8.2	18.3
71	38	Beckman (A)†	38	-1	11.8	
380	233	Black (Peter)	232	+1	2.2	18.1
109	74	Bridport-Gndry	103		3.6	
226	171	Br Mohair	197	-1	5.4	28.2
74	20	Carpet	24			
194	80	Coats	85		4.0	10.9
180	163	Coats Patons	160		5.1	23.8
385	292	Claremont Grt	339	-3	2.5	17.8
287	189	Coats Viyella	196	-3	5.2	17.2
698	451	Courtaulds Text	485	+1	3.7	21.8
159½	119	Dawson	133		2.8	
149	97½	Davidsn (A)	126		1.7	17.8
62	32	Dobie Helr	34		5.1	18.0
42	28	Dorshard	28			12.5
25	15	Eldat	17			
80	72	Fregol	74		8.3	12.5
155	155	Fosterrnte	148		2.7	
29	18	Foster (John)	18			
125	94	French (Thmas)	95		4.8	18.8
82	48	Gent SFT	82	+5	3.4	
113	73	Haggart	80		4.2	
70½	11	Halstone	12½	+1½	3.2	
33	27½	Hobson Pict	27½		9.1	11.3
263	222	Hickng Pntcst	231		2.5	18.4
91	64	Honeysuckle	71	-2	5.4	
80	48	Hondts Smit	48			
211	173	Jacques Vert	187	-1	3.8	18.5
73	55	Jerome (S)	55		1.7	7.5
388	286	Jones Stroud	358		3.2	16.9
202½	132	Lambert	134		6.4	12.7
485	338	Leeach	380	+1	4.4	12.8
340	285	Leeds	285		2.7	14.2
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67		7.5	14.1
101	68	Lyles (S)	83		5.4	8.4
28½	18½	Madiog	25		3.3	44.8
17	11	PEX	12			
286	189	Parkland	169		3.7	8.9
123	84	Pentland	98		3.6	18.6
73	53	Plants	59			
112	74	Readicut	74	-½	6.8	12.7
96	72	Ricamore	74		4.8	7.4
98	43	Richards	43			
65	43	SEET	47	-1		
180	87	Sherwood Gpt	88	-1	4.3	8.7
180	137½	Shiloh†	148		3.8	9.0
146	98	Sirdar†	98		8.9	14.2
64	50	Sirling Gp	57		4.2	15.8
35	19	Strong & Fisher	20		6.2	13.7
69	47	UK Safety	47		6.9	11.5
132	108	Usher (Frank)	120		7.3	9.1
44	34	Vivat	37		4.2	9.6
108	42	Wauparort	104		3.5	16.1
289	239	Yorkdyel	257	-1	3.8	11.8

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London†	63		4.9	12.8
777½	619½	All Nippon Air	705¼	-10	0.5	
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	298½	-5½	2.3	21.7
541½	440	BAA	495½	+½	2.4	19.3
128	102½	Bedpatsan	120		4.3	
495½	344	Br Airways	366	-2½	3.3	9.6
108	75	Clarkson (H)†	95		2.3	23.9
179	140	Dart	160		2.7	18.1
592½	185	Eurotunnel Uts	270	+17		
87	50	Fisher (James)	59			
508	405	Forth Ports	449		2.2	20.8
231	156	GBT Bus	230	-1	2.1	17.8
161	113	Go-Ahead	180		3.1	18.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	189		4.9	14.7
158	126½	Hill Shaw	138	-1	4.0	18.5
71	39	Jacobs (J)	60		3.0	
111	82	Lon O'Seas Frts	83		6.7	1.9
534	380	Mersey Docks	381		3.1	18.5
291	157	NFC†	179		4.9	27.3
347	284	Nat Express	305	-1	3.2	17.5
348	244	Ocean Group	245		7.3	12.4
91	58	Ocean Wilsons	64		6.2	9.3
743	587	P & O Dfd	633	+2½	6.6	19.6
205	135	P & O 5½%	205		3.4	
102	84	Seacon	86	+3	3.8	21.6
216	158	Stagecoach	216		2.4	21.5
131	85½	TNT	117			
915	703	Tibbett & Britn	733		2.5	18.8
79	27	Tiphook	30			
327	197	TDG	278		5.8	14.4
188	98	Unitwd	135		2.4	
180	85	Utd Carriers	96		2.4	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian†	502	-2	5.8	11.3
385	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	315		4.6	10.6
611	494	North West	552	+1	5.4	6.6
781	508	Northumbrian	707	-4	4.8	
645	457	Severn Trent	552	-6	5.2	7.3
1800	1525	South Staffs	1795	-5	3.5	11.9
675	484	South West	499	-2	6.4	7.4
682	458	Southern	594	-3	4.9	8.4
611	434½	Thames†	493		5.9	7.8
744	546	Welsh	650		4.8	7.2
379½	273½	Wessex	356	+4	4.4	8.1
630	488	Yorkshire	529	-2	5.4	7.8

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BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	100¹¹⁄₃₂		8.99	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	101¼	-½	11.86	5.89
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	98¼		3.04	5.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	102		10.00	6.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	105		12.06	6.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	[illegible]		12.39	6.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	[illegible]		13.74	7.20
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	[illegible]		12.23	7.29
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	104		9.62	7.74
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	110		12.01	7.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	105		9.99	7.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	101		8.53	8.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	117		12.79	8.24
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]		9.41	8.37
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Newsagents urged to deliver to homeless

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE National Federation of Retail Newsagents is urging members to let empty premises above shops to help the homeless. Its latest newsletter gives guidance on whom to contact for the grants available and on regulations relating to planning permission and security of tenure.

The federation believes many shopowners are holding back because they are worried about legal problems and tenants overstaying their welcome.

It says: "Think again. You can get a source of regular income to supplement your core business. You are likely to gain greater security from having your premises occupied at night. And you will be making a substantial contribution to solving the homelessness problem that is such a blight on our society."

The Government and the Housing Agency have spent £35 million between them on helping owners of retail properties to bring above-the-shop premises back into use for the homeless. The money is channelled through housing associations.

The federation says most housing associations will take a lease of from two to ten years and will sublet to individual occupiers as an assured shorthold tenancy under the 1988 Housing Act.

It points out that, in addition to rental income, shopowners benefit from the fact that flats over shops will be rated on the domestic rates tariff, which will mean a lower liability for the uniform business rate. The federation admits a traditional reluctance on the part of commercial undertakings to mix business and residential use, but says some big retailers, including Boots, Threshers and Martins, and some banks are bringing upstairs flats back into use.

Contacts: Empty Homes Agency 071-828 6288; The Housing Corporation 071-393 2000; housing associations helpline 081-563 4560. Department of the Environment booklets on house renovation grants and assured tenancies are available from DoE, PO Box 151, London E15 2HF. A handbook on living over the shop is available from LOTS, University of York, The King's Manor, York YO1 2EP.



"Management skills? Yes, if I tell myself to do something, I do it!"

Darts company on target

SMALL businesses that feel unnoticed and unappreciated will envy the House of Darts (Rodney Hobson writes). The Bristol company has a staff of five, yet has won the Queen's Award for Exports, several other export awards and a National Small Business Efficiency Award. One partner was appointed an MBE, and the company was even mentioned in the Queen's Christmas Day message to the Commonwealth.

House of Darts was founded in 1962 by the brothers Eddie and Peter Norman and their wives Anne and Maureen. The fifth, non-family, member of the team is Pete Smith.

The Normans previously ran an antique shop but they caught the modern craze for darts. Apart from darts, they sell flights, darts wallets, calculators to keep score and accessories, such as keyrings, mugs and pens with a darts theme.

All the products are made in Britain, but are sold in more than 70 countries worldwide, including Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. Exports account for 95 per cent of sales. Eddie Norman says: "We started selling in the Bristol area. We expected to grow, but we did not realise quite how far we could go."

When the company started, darts was still a mainly British game. Mr Norman says: "Expatriates took the game abroad and we took it where the expats had not been." That has meant heavy travelling in short hops. The partners think nothing of nipping over to America for a weekend at a day's notice. The House of Darts has organised tournaments in many countries, including some that had never heard of the game before.

House of Darts appoints agents in each country where it sells. Literature is sent out in five languages apart from English. The rules of darts will soon be available in Hungarian and Russian. Mr Norman says: "We encourage letters and inquiries in any language, and always reply in the same language. All inquiries are replied to in four days."

Apart from British manufacturers, the main competitors are from the US, Taiwan and Japan. Mr Norman says: "Competing against them is not easy. Little things make a big difference and we are now making items specially for certain markets. We have sold darts flights with football team colours for particular customers and we will name a range to suit a particular market. For example, we have done a range named after US presidents and a set of Australian mammals. Now I get people faxing me orders for Wombats and Possums.

"We rarely lose a customer. We are on first-name terms with most of them and we have met the majority of them. Darts is a small game and people are always bumping into each other. That works to your advantage only for as long as you are doings things right."

DAVID HOWELLS



Peter Norman, left, and his brother Eddie have profited from exporting a mainly British game

BRIEFINGS

A £300,000 fund to provide loans for start-up businesses has been launched in Birmingham by Midland Bank and Birmingham Venture. Loans of £1,500 will be offered over two years. No repayments are required in the first year. Interest will be at 1 per cent above base rates. However, there will be no fees. Information about the fund is available on 021-454 6171.

☐ Solotec, the South London Training and Enterprise Council, is inviting firms in the boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Croydon and Sutton, that employ between five and 50 people, to take part in Passport to Learning, a pilot programme in education. Employees will be given vouchers with which to obtain professional advice and funding for training. Details from Chris Quarrie on 081-313 9232.

☐ Barclays Bank is lowering from £10,000 to £2,000 the minimum amount that its business customers need to keep on deposit in its high-interest business account. Barclays says that two thirds of businesses are depositors rather than creditors.

☐ Job Scene London, a recruitment, training and careers event, which was organised this month by North London TEC, was so successful that it is to be repeated next year at Alexandra Palace on November 2-4.

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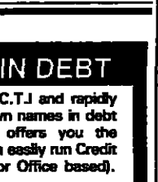
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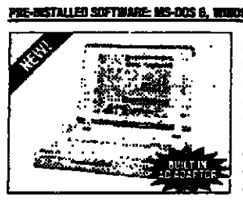
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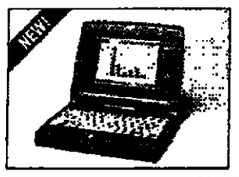
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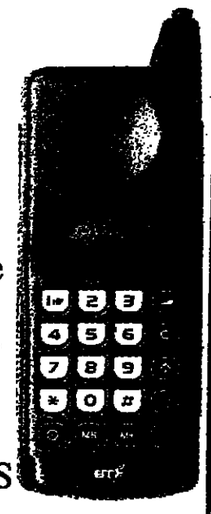
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Pioneer with a gender agenda

VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on the extraordinary life and photography of Claude Cahun, the subject of a first British retrospective at the ICA













Me, myself and I: Claude Cahun's androgynous self-portraits, currently on show at the ICA, can be seen today as a defiantly original contribution to the Surrealist movement

While studying at the Sorbonne during the First World War, Lucy Schwob suddenly decided to shed her identity. Adopting the pseudonym "Claude", a name chosen to obscure her gender, she produced the first of the photographic self-portraits which dramatised the diversity of her sexual self. At the time, no other woman would have dared to turn herself into an embodiment of enigmatic gender-bending. Claude's subversive photographs can be seen today as a defiantly original contribution to the Surrealist movement. But until their recent rediscovery, the woman who made them was nothing more than an obscure footnote in the history of 20th-century art.

Now, 100 years after Lucy Schwob was born in Nantes, the ICA has staged her first English exhibition. It cannot claim to be comprehensive: Claude Cahun, as she called herself, was also a poet, performer and polemicist. But the photographs are more than enough to justify the belated attention she is attracting today. They go much further than Man Ray's celebrated drag portrait of Marcel Duchamp, cross-dressed in 1920 as his alter ego Rrose Sélavy. For Cahun's work takes the convention of the self-portrait and explodes the whole notion of a single, watertight persona.

> "Her work explodes the entire notion of a single, watertight persona"

In the earliest images, she hovers tantalisingly between *gamin* and *gamine*. Shaven-headed, and posed either against patterned fabrics or stone walls, this indefinable creature stares brazenly at the camera. She dares us to decide who the androgynous masquerader might really be.

At this stage, artifice is kept to a minimum. During the 1920s, though, Cahun's growing assurance prompted her to adopt even more outrageous guises. Her uncle, Maurice Schwob, had been a friend of Oscar Wilde and a prominent member of the Symbolist movement. Claude seems to have inherited a taste for dandified theatricality, and by 1927 she was ready to unleash it to the full.

One bizarre image shows her in an apparently coquettish mood with forelocks shaped into kiss-curls and love-hearts painted on each cheek of her clown-like face. But her expression verges on the contemptuous, and the painted dots standing for nipples on her vest mock the idea of desirability. As if to ward off sexual trespassers, the capital letters scrawled across her chest declare, in English, that "I AM IN TRAINING. DON'T KISS ME."

Such strategies may have arisen, in part, as a reaction to the scorn of male Surrealists. They were notoriously reluctant to let women play a significant part in their movement. So Cahun could have wielded her gender-play as a weapon, disarming anyone who wanted to patronise her with patriarchal prejudice. When she photographed herself with masculine, back-brushed hair, heavy motor-bike goggles and a sneer to match, the result appeared to cock a snook at preening virility in general.

Even so, Cahun's underlying attitude remains impossible to pin down. Within a year of making the macho self-portrait, she transforms herself into a doll. She looks discarded, slumped low in an armchair, devoid of expression. It is as if Cahun has taken the cliché of woman as mindless mannequin to the ultimate extreme. In another 1928 photograph she even seems to take on demonic powers. Womanhood has been restored to her in this hallucinatory little image. She sits naked and erect, tanned legs tucked in neatly and arms covering her breasts. But Cahun has half-hidden her face with a painted mask, and no pupils are visible behind the eye-holes. Brilliantly lit, she assumes the stance of a primitive deity. This is the artist as sun-goddess, effortlessly able to command supernatural and hypnotic power.

Anyone who makes self-portraits as often and as carefully as Cahun could be suspected of rampant narcissism. She seems to accuse herself of vanity in an especially arresting photograph, placing her face close to a mirror. But instead of looking at her own image, Cahun turns away from the mirror and stares out at us. As well as acknowledging the camera's silent presence, she might be feigning surprise at the viewers' intrusive gaze. At any rate, we become conscious of our role as voyeurs.

By this time, Cahun's activities as poet, essayist and actress in experimental theatre had secured her an increasingly acknowledged place in Parisian avant-garde life. She met André Breton and other Surrealists in 1932, and conceived an "impossible love" for Breton himself. Everything about her photographs implied an irrepressible belief in complete imaginative freedom. During the 1930s she claimed the right to present herself, successively, as a shaven-headed vampire, a nursery-rhyme idiot and a pig-tailed girl.

In a weirdly distorted anamorphic photograph, which makes her head rise up into an elongated oval, she looks mentally disturbed. The stubble where her hair should be makes her, in this context, resemble a patient in an asylum, fearfully awaiting a brain operation. It may reflect Cahun's incipient interest in psychiatry, for within a few years she was attending public discussions about mental illness at Paris hospitals.

Her subsequent decision to settle in Jersey, with her lifelong companion Suzanne Malherbe, seems tantamount to a removal from the avant-garde. The year was 1937, and Cahun may have wanted to exchange the increasing turbulence of continental Europe for an island she remembered from childhood holidays.

When the Germans invaded Jersey, though, both Claude and Suzanne showed remarkable courage. Involving themselves in the Resistance, they produced propaganda encouraging the enemy soldiers to mutiny, organised "actions" and flew a banner from a church spire bearing the words "Jesus is great — but Hitler is greater. Jesus died for the people, but the people die for Hitler."

Eventually, both women were arrested by the Gestapo and condemned to death. Their reprieve in 1945 must have seemed miraculous, but after Jersey's liberation Cahun discovered that the Nazis had destroyed a large part of her work. She never recovered from her imprisonment, and the postwar self-portraits lack the concentrated power of the earlier work. But at least the real woman behind the multiple guises is revealed, even as she pluckily attempts to assume more roles.

Mise-en-scène is the title adopted by the ICA for this beguiling exhumation, which honours Cahun as a bold pioneer of the masquerading self-portraiture practised by contemporary women artists like Cindy Sherman. Less convincing is the gallery's decision to link Cahun in a triple-bill with two young British artists. Her Surrealism has nothing to do with Virginia Nimarkoh's blown-up photographs, based on found snapshots of unknown people in moments of transition.

Although they possess a certain poignant grandeur, I found Tacita Dean's work far more compelling. Her film, *The Martyrdom of St Agatha (In Several Parts)*, poses as an historically accurate study of the third-century Sicilian whose breasts were severed by her Roman torturers. But Dean's deft exploration, darting from breast-shaped bells and volcanoes to the double domes of the ancient church of St Agatha, ends up gently exposing the potent absurdity of religious relics.

● *Mise-en-scène at the ICA (071-930 0493) until Nov 27*

OPERA: A concert performance of Smetana's first stage work

Early hint of class

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CHELSEA Opera Group has been developing the admirable habit of enticing veteran conductors back to the concert hall in rarely performed works. The latest is Vilem Tausky; who at 84 is a compact, rubicund figure — a benign version of Mr Punch. He still wields his baton with the precision Punch used his stick.

In the postwar years few did more to champion Czech music than Tausky. Smetana's first opera, *The Brandenburgers in Bohemia*, looked the right choice, and so it proved. Tausky brought vigour to the score, and especially to the many patriotic choruses.

Brandenburgers is in the direct line of operas such as *Tell* and *Vespri siciliani* in which the locals rise up against the occupying forces (usually Austro-German), spurred on by a little love interest. The libretto throws in a bit of class struggle as well. But, alas, Smetana at this stage of his career did not have the technique of Verdi and Rossini.

Act I has plenty of meat and some graceful music, mainly involving Ludise, one of the three daughters of the Mayor of Prague. There is an exuberant dance, in Smetana's best vein, as the citizens go off to rifle the cellars of the bourgeoisie, an early example of the looting ballet. But the second and third acts straggle as the three sisters are abducted first by the Brandenburgers and then by the quisling Tausendmark, who has his eye on Ludise.

Her true love, Junos, is pallidly drawn, apart from an Act II duet in which his true Czech voice is again heard. Richard Braebrook could not do much with the part. Helen Kucharek, a poised soprano with clean lyric timbre, made a much better impression.

The more interesting of the lead tenor roles is that of Jira, a runaway serf, who incites the people to revolution and is duly proclaimed vagabond king. Donald Stephenson filled him with robust character. Mark Beesley sang with grave authority as the Mayor. But the two villains were scarcely malevolent. Smetana did not help by giving Tausendmark a highly sympathetic baritone aria in the last act, which Jeffrey Carl delivered with grace. Terry Jenkins turned the captain of the occupying forces into a buffo role, which cannot be right as he is the only Brandenburger in the opera who sings.

JOHN HIGGINS

AROUND THE GALLERIES

Lydia Dona's abstract paintings look as if they have been abandoned three quarters of the way through. A number of familiar strategies have obviously been avoided in order to make them function differently. A set of four paintings is clustered side by side. Each of these large works follows a simplistically different tack. Possible painting styles are used in turn. Combinations of colour and opacity are applied around first an oval and then a triangle. A dripping process is sharply contained by graphic fine borders. The paintings succeed in denying the accidental or expressionistic, but still fail to propose much else. *Marc Jancou Gallery, 41-42 Foley Street, London W1 (071-636 6558), to November 26*

☐ Mali Morris's paintings are intended to work in simple visual terms. She stains the canvas using a repetition of movements and gestures. The effect is one of transience, as if the main event could be happening off the edge or elsewhere. Although there is detail in the lightly drawn wavy line that runs from top to bottom, it is all approximate. The colour is sweet and buttery. The varying size of the paintings disrupts any initial stab at focus, while the serious framing betrays expectations that each piece, however "light", will make some claim to autonomy, respect and attention. *Francis Graham Dixon Gallery, 17 Great Sutton Street, London EC1 (071-250 1962), until November 26*

☐ Crosshatch drawing across a canvas surface makes for a vaguely incongruous printed quality. Jocelyn Clarke really does draw and paint at the same time, to create the sensation and atmosphere of "early Modern" formalist discovery. She painstakingly feels her way across the surface skin in order to describe the already obscured surface of an object. The colour is minimal, barely significant, and gets dense only where there is a build-up of descriptive lines. Two and three dimensions melt in and out of each other. The effect, though firmly and delicately bound to its formal premise, is one of exciting, "uncomposed" freshness. *Adam Gallery, 62 Walcot Square, London SE11 (071-582 1260), until November 19*

☐ The ornate Town Hall in Holborn, which once housed the architecture and planning department of Camden Council, has only been empty for a few years. Purpose-built municipal architecture of this quality allows a particular atmosphere to surround this exhibition of "site-based installation work", entitled "One Million Cubic Feet" and presented by Space Explorations. Georgia Vaux and Daniel Sancici replace narrative with powerful physical presence; Matthew Tickle places a finely finished cabinet/sculpture in the old library, while Stephen Hughes uses stylish lettering and office colour schemes from an era of powerful local government. Instead of a reverential nostalgia for decay, these six artists, all in all, achieve an upbeat, almost abstract use of light and place. *Holborn Town Hall, 193-197 High Holborn, London WC1 (071-380 0543), until December 11*

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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LONDON

THREE TALL WOMEN: Opening night for Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille as the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. His Pulitzer Prizewinner, directed by Anthony Page
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm mats Wed and Sat 3pm

MISS JULIE: Acclaimed for her production of *A Doll's House* last winter, Sue Lefton now directs Strindberg's drama of lust and submission. Presented by Kaboodle
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs.

ROMEO ET JULIETTE: Just two more performances of Gounod's often inspired operatic adaptation of Shakespeare. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts, with Roberto Alagna and Leontina Vaduva near-perfectly cast in the title roles. Nicolas Joël's production will be popular with those who could not take the Royal Opera's *Ring*
Royal Opera House, Bow Street, WC2 (071-304 4000). Tonight and Thurs, 7pm

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: The Citizens' has a jam-packed schedule this week. In the main house, Coward's **Private Lives** resumes, with Rupert Everett. In the Stalls, a rare staging of some dramatic pieces by Gertrude Stein, **Nine by Stein**, previews tonight. Described as "nine short plays and a recipe", it touches on matters of the self and language in her inimitable manner. And, from tomorrow, the Circle hosts a revival of Shelagh Delaney's ground-breaking 1958 drama, **A Taste Of Honey**. Said to have been written after a visit to an inane Rattigan play spurred her to have a go herself
Stalls Studio, Citizens', Gorbals (041-429 0022). Free preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.30pm Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; until Dec 3
Circle Studio: Free preview Wed, opens Thurs. Schedule as for *Nine*

NORWICH: John Nettles concludes his role as Sir John Brute in Vanbrugh's restoration comedy, **The Provoked Wife**. Stuart Burge directs the first production for the new Touring Partnership this week, with Rebecca Lacey, Patti Love, Katherine O'Toole and Paul Venables.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Street (0603 630000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

SHEFFIELD: **Rambert Ballet**'s greatly acclaimed "National Relaunch Tour" continues this week with artistic director Christopher Bruce's own *Sergeant's Early Dream*, the Gordon-inspired *Crossing* and a new programme of three classic/modern crossover works: *Banter, Banter; Petite Mort* and *Land*.
Lyceum, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, special mat Thurs, 2pm.

PLYMOUTH: A well-chosen mix of the popular and the new is on offer this season from **Glyndebourne Touring Opera**. *The Barber of Seville* and *Eugene Onegin* start the week off but all eyes will be on the fantastical *The Second Mrs Kong* on Friday. Tom Cairns directs Birtwistle's new opera about the requited but unattainable love of the giant ape for Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, (0752 267222). *Barber*: tonight and Thurs. *Onegin*: Wed and Sat. *Kong*: Fri. All at 7.15pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
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□ **THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE:** Christopher Morahan's excellent staging of Shaw's study of honour, true and hypocritical, in the American War of Independence. Strong performances from, among others, Richard Bonneville, Paul Jesson, Daniel Massey.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm, Wed, 7.15pm.

◪ **DR KNOCK:** Geoffrey Beevers takes the title role in Jules Romains's celebrated comic satire on the medical profession and public gullibility. Sam Walters directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until Nov 26

□ **HAMLET:** Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-detesting Prince, backed by excellent playing from Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm

◪ **MOLLY SWEENEY:** Brian Friel directs his own superb play. Catherine Byrne, Mark Lambert and T P McKenna voice feelings to do with blindness, illusion and much more
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

□ **MOSCOW STATIONS:** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **ON APPROVAL:** Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is: a sophisticated, diverting but relatively sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN:** Ned Sherrin directs Stephanie Cole in Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy, who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE:** Patricia Hodge's crystal vowels perfectly suit the role of Muriel Spark's inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher and carry Alan Strachan's revival across the dodgier scenes
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

□ **REVOLVER:** Emily Woof's crazy and powerful solo show, revolving around the Beatles album. An Edinburgh Festival hit.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

□ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG:** Wendy Wasserstein's cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

◪ **A SONG AT TWILIGHT:** A testy man of letters is forced by an old flame to look back on his discontented life. John Quentin in the role Coward wrote for himself, and thought to be an amalgam of Somerset Maugham and Max Beerbohm. Tom Smith directs.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DREAM LOVER (18): James Spader discovers that Mädchen Amick, his new wife, is not all that she appears to be. Cool, over-stylised psychological thriller from scriptwriter-turned-director Nicholas Kazan.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

FLESH AND BONE (15): Lugubrious tale of blighted Texan lives from *Fabulous Baker Boys* director Steve Kloves. With Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and James Caan.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU (PG): Bland comedy about a winning lottery ticket, with Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez. Director, Andrew Bergman.
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SLEEP WITH ME (18): LA friends party, play poker and suffer in love. Uneven first feature by Rory Kelly, featuring Eric Stoltz, Meg Tilly and Craig Sheffer
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THREE COLOURS: RED (15): Kieslowski's compelling film about criss-crossing lives, a majestic climax to his trilogy. With Irène Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant
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CURRENT

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT** (15): Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp and Hugo Weaving
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CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

L'ENFER (15): Jealousy rages in a provincial hotel. Uneven thriller from Claude Chabrol, with Emmanuele Béart and François Cluzet.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

GERONIMO (12): Strangely dull account of the Apache warrior's capture from director Walter Hill. With Jason Patric, Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall and Wes Studi
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

KILL ME AGAIN (18): Revival of John Dahl's modestly enjoyable first film, with Joanna Whalley-Kilmer as the wily sexpot who hires an investigator to fake her murder
Metro (071-437 0757)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Dahl's enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all
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◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15): Unwieldy, overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter
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SIRENS (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan
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WOLF (15): Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols
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POP AND JAZZ: Fire and ashes from two guitars; hero-worship for Newman; free spirits in form

Blues for Guy as Benson frets

PICTURES: DENZIL McNEELANCE





Plank-spankers united: Buddy Guy (left) still flies on blues wings, but former jazzer George Benson seems to have sold his soul to the charts

George Benson/ Buddy Guy
Apollo, W6

Inviting Buddy Guy to play guitar on the same bill as George Benson is akin to casting Jack Nicholson with Jeremy Irons. The trade may be the same, but the cut of the cloth could hardly contrast more.

So it proved at this London show on the George 'n' Buddy tour that is moving through 15 European cities courtesy of JVC's 1994 Super Session, which in previous years has treated audiences to double bills of B.B. King and Robert Cray; Ray Charles and Maceo Parker.

Despite Benson and Guy's virtuosity, this bill was an unknown quantity: would they play together, and what aspect of Benson would we get — brilliant jazz guitarist or *MOR crooner? Re*cent recordings gave a clue: Guy's new *Slip 'n' In* album is another spicy serving of guitar gumbo, while Benson's *Love Remembers*, from last year, was another soft-option snooze.

The "special guest" role proved just right for the 58-year-old Guy, who was relaxed and personable, eschewing many of the pyrotechnics that have made previous visits a bombardment of the senses. "Sweet Home Chicago" was full of light and shade, and he remade Eddie Boyd's "Five Long Years" and Willie Dixon's "Hoochie Coochie Man" in a manner that put Eric Clapton's *From The Cradle* versions firmly in their place.

Like Guy, Benson played an hour-long set but, unlike him, was afforded 20 minutes of encores — and it was these that saved him. They comprised the lachrymose "The Greatest Love Of All" and an "On Broadway" featuring a stirring Cuban-style percussive break by Dio Saucedo. Before that, Benson had practically rebuilt the Apollo as a Vegas supper club with cabaret versions of his cheesiest ballads, "In Your Eyes", "Kisses In The Moonlight", and, worst of all, "Nothing's Gonna Change My Love For You".

Such crooning left little room for Benson's undernourished guitar chops. He reminisced about a visit to London with Guy and Thelonious Monk 27 years ago before inviting Guy back for a token three-minute collaboration. The juxtaposition was poignant: one fire still burning with new licks, the other glowing in remembrance of more dangerous days.

PAUL SEXTON

Non-preacher to the converted



Randy Newman: occasionally too clever for his own good

Randy Newman
Theatre Royal, Drury Lane

THE songwriting of Randy Newman is like a joke just a little too clever for everyone to get. Once, memorably, he parodied prejudice in all its forms with "Short People", a 1978 hit single that the literal-minded saw as vilifying the vertically challenged. The low-browed *assumed high horses, crying foul at the* lofty Californian and missing the point completely, while his fans rushed to register appreciation of every nuance.

The doting audience for this one-off show laughed so eagerly in all the right places, was so keen to applaud each *bon mot* and sharp aside, that I began to suspect that their hero would get mad and insult them. How is a man supposed to maintain a reputation as a rare anti-establishment voice in an all-too-establishment industry when every last man, woman and child in the auditorium is purring approbation in his ear?

Newman is 50 now, and has the appearance of a senior member of academia. But while the waistline has *thickened and the hair has turned* grey, his observer's eye remains sharp. Despite having written largely for films in recent years — he has contributed to soundtracks as diverse as those for *Ragtime*, *The Three Amigos* and *Parenthood* — his newer work continues to avoid the easy or clichéd option, musically and lyrically.

Songs from a forthcoming album based on Goethe's *Faust* were little works of compositional art. A pastiche of "We Are The World"-type charity rock anthems was perfectly drawn too, with Newman's ad-libs conjuring up a celebrity backing choir headed by three well-meaning Kennys — Kenny Rogers, Kenny Loggins and Kenny G.

He is capable of blistering social comment, as in "Christmas In Cape Town", "Rednecks", "*It's Money That I* Love" and "Life Is Good" — this latter summed up as "an ugly picture of suburban existence" — reminded us. In a less showy vein, he can also reveal the despair or the romance in ordinary lives with wonderful clarity: "Baltimore", recorded so memorably by Nina Simone, was a case in point, as was the unsentimental but still touching love song, "Marie".

It was a no-frills show — just one man, his songs, his grand piano and his blunt instrument of a voice — and possibly the best environment in which to see Newman. Not everyone gets the joke, but at the Theatre Royal they *greeted him like the king of the human* comedy.

ALAN JACKSON

Bubbly and intoxicating

Spirit Level
Festival Hall Foyer

SINCE their formation in the West Country 15 years ago, Spirit Level have been the epitome of professionalism, dispensing their attractive brand of vigorous modal jazz worldwide, and surviving numerous personnel changes along the way. But they have ploughed their furrow relatively unsung.

That they have survived is *due to the efforts of pianist* Tim Richards, a founder member of the original Spirit Level and still the band's major compositional voice. He became interested in jazz at 14, after seeing Thelonious Monk on television, but his style is a unique mixture formed from his extensive blues experience — he has toured the blues circuit with the likes of US bluesmen Joe Louis Walker and Otis Grand — and from his admiration of both the expansive, robust playing of McCoy Tyner and the lumi*nous delicacy of* Abdullah Ibrahim.

Richards's great strength as a band composer lies in his ability to provide pieces that are unfussy and straightforward enough to be blowing vehicles, but at the same time contain enough unexpected melodic and rhythmic felicities to reward repeated listening. Thus, at this free gig, *Spirit Level previewed* a number of Richards's compositions from their forthcoming CD, *On The Level*: the riff-based "Toll Bridge", the delightfully uncomplicated but punchy "Over The Moon" and the gentle "Seventh Heaven". They provided perfect platforms for his own sparkling soloing and the gusty exuberance of the band's saxophonist, Jerry Underwood.

Despite working regularly with Andy Sheppard's big bands and touring extensively with jazzy folk singer John *Martyn, Underwood still* receives less attention than his considerable talents merit, so it was gratifying to note that the rousing but tightly controlled passion of his solos, particularly on his own quicksilver theme "Looking On The Bright Side", consistently brought a healthy sized crowd to life.

Bassist Kubryk Townsend, too, proved to be both solidly dependable in accompanying roles and possessed of an affectingly pure, singing tone in solo spots; drummer Marc Parnell, deputising for Kenrick Rowe, slotted into the band's sound perfectly. Although Spirit Level are capa*ble of producing music of* considerable subtlety and complexity, they proved at this thoroughly enjoyable gig that, for accessible, uncomplicated, hard-blowing modern jazz, they have few equals.

CHRIS PARKER

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After aeons in limbo, Euripides's tragi-comedy *Ion* is now in vogue. **Michael Church** reports on two very different touring productions

When Euripides's *Ion* was stylishly revived this autumn at the Barbican, the critics fell on it with cries of joy. They had never seen it — most had never heard of it — and they rightly hailed it as a forgotten gem. It now emerges that two other productions of this play have been quietly, and quite independently, gestating. Lightning striking thrice? No, more an idea whose time has come.

The play preserves a delicate balance between high tragedy and broad comedy. Ion is an ingenuous youth who works as a caretaker in the temple of Apollo at Delphi: he thinks he is an orphan, but actually he is the fruit of a rape by Apollo. His human mother left him open to the elements, Moses-like, in a wicker basket, but his uncle Hermes took him in.

The action of the play turns on his gradual discovery of his true identity, and on the shabby behaviour of everyone involved, including that of his stand-in human father. It is a delicious mockery of politics, state religion, and macho sexuality: a play for today, whenever in history that day happens to be.

But when the Actors Touring Company unveils its version at Hammersmith's Lyric Studio this month, it will be in an unprecedented form: back-to-back, and sharing the same director, with a Greek production of the play by the Piramatiki company of Thessaloniki.

I caught this strange double-bill at Piramatiki's home base, sitting first among the English actors to watch the Greeks, then vice versa. The set was the same in each case: a solar symbol surrounded by metal rays. The costumes were roughly similar. But the productions themselves were strikingly different.

Where the English version was street-smart, the Greek was stately. The English Hermes somersaulted on to the stage as a barrow-boy; the Greek Hermes, a sun-kissed Ariel, assumed diagonal poses to suggest swift flight. Both actors, by the way, were female. The Greek Creusa (Ion's mother) moved in a sad trance, but seemed to have found happiness at the end; the English Creusa was a cauldron of wild emotions, and delivered her final speech after reuniting with her son ("I'm happy, happy") with an ironic scowl.

Few of the Greek actors could speak English, and none of the Brits understood Greek, but the hall was loud with gasps of delighted recognition. "It's as though I'd gone out of my body, turned back, and looked at myself," said the Greek Creusa. "You don't understand the words, and the interpretation is different, but you look up on stage and know exactly what you're going through," said Gary Turner, the English Ion.

Iphigenia Taxopoulou, the project's Greek coordinator, said the whole thing was a lesson in what theatre is about: "Directors can do all they like, but theatre is ultimately determined by actors, and by language."

> "It is a play for today, whenever that happens to be"

"I feel like a bigamist whose two families have just met for the first time," said Nick Philippou, the director of both productions. "I took care not to impose my overview; I wanted the actors to find their own way. My work with them was about finding universal images to transcend language. The differences between the productions reflect the different cultures from which they spring."

Much of this has to do with gender. The sex-war in Greece, he said — and, as a Greek-Cypriot, he is well-placed to know — is traditionally fierce. "But at the end of the day these macho men, and these very determined women, always sit down together. The intellectualised feminism in Britain drives people to stay entrenched in their corners. The English are much more confused about gender. What Euripides is saying is that people should look for a sense of balance in their lives."

The English version of the play (in Kenneth McLeish's vigorous translation) is complete and uncut: the shorter — by ten minutes — modern Greek one omitted explanatory references local audiences did not need. But the Greek version is more formal: Philippou was told by his Greek actors that they were not prepared to inject colloquial irony at several points where he wanted it in the text. Having seen the English version, however, the Greek actors are now eager to incorporate some London tricks. That would be a pity. They work beautifully as an ensemble, and should stay true to their own style.

But it is not by chance that this co-production should emanate from Thessaloniki. In 1997, this most wide-awake of Greek cities will wear the battered crown of European Cultural Capital. It is already gearing up for the challenge. Its Roman ruins, Byzantine churches and Turkish baths are being spruced up, and the few remaining mansions in which its mercantile elite lived a century ago are being returned to pristine beauty.

This elite was largely Jewish, and was all but wiped out in 1943, when the Nazis rounded up 50,000 Thessalonian Jews and murdered them in concentration camps. Nothing in the city's previous history could compare with this dreadful event, but Thessaloniki's path was never smooth. And the city is now in the firing line from a different direction, as the former Yugoslav state of Macedonia claims the Greek-Macedonian emblem as its own.

The civil engineer in charge of the Cultural Capital project is steering carefully clear of current politics. The project, he says, will make Thessaloniki the cultural centre of the Balkan peninsula, and try to revive the cultural pluralism the Nazis destroyed.

● *The ATC* Ion, *sponsored by the British Council, is on tour: Stahl Theatre, Oundle (today and tomorrow); Rose Theatre, Kidderminster (Thursday); Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton (Friday); Arts Centre, Jersey (Nov 22, 23); Drama Centre, Cambridge (Nov 25, 26). From Nov 29 to Dec 10 it will be at the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith (tel: 081-741 8701), with the Greek version running from Dec 6 to 8. For further information ring 071-735 8311*

YANNIS ALEXIS FILIAS



Sparkling light shed on a neglected masterpiece: Actors Touring Company's *Ion*

CONCERTS: Beethoven and Honegger

Belated lift-off owed to joy

PO/Harnoncourt
Festival Hall

CURIOUSLY, Nikolaus Harnoncourt's performance on Sunday of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the last in his cycle with the Philharmonia Orchestra, did not do what Beethoven's symphonies usually do in his hands.

The outward gestures that make Harnoncourt's Beethoven so special were all present and correct. There were the clarity of articulation and careful balancing, helped by Harnoncourt's favoured early 19th-century style of layout, which brings out gestures and lines normally glossed over by others; there was the natural shaping of phrase so that forms and harmonies, however bizarre, looked after themselves; there was the curt brittleness — heightened by the thwack of hard-headed sticks on timpani — in the scherzo, and the easy-flowing pace that made the Adagio molto cogent.

And, not least, there was Harnoncourt's careful highlighting of tiny features such as the violas' repeated low Fs at the beginning of that slow movement. All ample evidence of meticulous rehearsing with a more than willing orchestra.

And yet the occasion somehow seemed to defeat the intended atmosphere. I found little feeling of space, and less sense of spontaneity or flexibility. The work refused to surge, rocket-like, into orbit.

Until, that is, that finale. Here at last the spark was lit, and what had been carefully honed in rehearsal was taken for granted as Harnoncourt, aided by the Philharmonia Chorus and by an excellent line-up of soloists — Hans Peter Blochwitz, Stephen Roberts, Luba Organasova and Ann Murray — let his hair down, ending this great odyssey in a manner as uplifting as it was original. All previous misgivings seemed irrelevant.

Before this, the young Austrian pianist Till Fellner, winner of the Clara Haskil International Competition last year and having already given his own cycle of Beethoven's piano concertos, played the solo part of the Third Piano Concerto. For once, here was a thoroughly musical, worthy competition winner, without self-regarding affectation but with a clean if slightly dry sound and a strong sense of what the music means.

James MacMillan's *The Exorcism of Rio Sumpul* featured in the early-evening Music of Today series. The performance was sparsely attended, but it was a good one, given by a select 14 players from the Philharmonia. It is also a good work.

MacMillan's subject is the real-life tale of an El Salvadorean village's miraculous escape from a helicopter attack by armed forces at the height of the civil war in that country in 1986.

The composer painstakingly but usefully introduced the music with pertinent examples, so we could follow the mutating chord that unites the violent first movement, could be aware that somewhere at the heart of the second movement lay the South American song "The People United Will Never Be Defeated", and could open ears to the whirling finale's fun-poking as well as its more innocent celebratory aspects.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Faint Joan of Arc

RLPO/Pesek
Liverpool Cathedral

IF YOU cannot hear music in Liverpool Cathedral you can at least — given a work with a visual dimension, like *Joan of Arc at the Stake* — see it. Honegger's dramatic oratorio is a score Libor Pesek has long wanted to perform, and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra's present season of concerts in Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's monument to spiritual inspiration and acoustic misery was surely the occasion to do it.

Certainly, the Cathedral was a far more appropriate setting for Claudel and Honegger than the Philharmonic Hall would have been. Saint Joan perched in her white shift on a tower of scaffolding under the vaulted ceiling was a powerful and memorable image of vulnerability. But without the advantage of that kind of elevation most of Jo Buffery's other sensations got lost in the sheer size of the place: although she had rehearsed a whole army of extras from nearby schools and theatre groups, what she really needed was a multitude of actors of at least twice average height. Duplicating their actions at different points in the nave did not solve the problem.

Another problem the director had to cope with was the text. Even though the speaking voices of Kate Buffery, a convincingly passionate Joan, and Robert Kingham, a less convincingly compassionate Brother Dominic, were amplified, they were actually only marginally clearer than the frustratingly jumbled sounds from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic choir and orchestra. Without microphones to confuse them, the tenor and bass voices of Lynton Atkinson and Christopher Purves proved to be more penetrative in terms of clarity, if not volume, and the celestial sopranos accumulated atmospheric reverberations as their utterances floated down from the high bridge that links that two sides of the building at the west end.

If the performance was successful in the end it was partly because of what Jo Buffery did not do in the burning scene. She spared us the long-expected conflagration of flickering red and orange lighting on Joan's tower and, by means of an effective little tableau on the bridge above the orchestra, diverted our attention to the ecstatic music which Honegger so ecstatically supplies at this point and which Pesek so miraculously concentrated and projected into the vast space behind him.

GERALD LARNER

THEATRE REVIEWS: Brian Cox gives Ibsen a rare and invigorating kicking; no future in Constable's *Tulip*

Cox's bricks and mortar-bombs

The Master Builder
Riverside

THERE is something exhilarating about a major actor crashing onstage and, so to speak, seizing a play by the lapels and giving it one hell of a shaking. That is certainly Brian Cox's way with Ibsen's *The Master Builder*. The moment his Solness enters his characteristically over-the-top office — varnished brown drawers towering so high you would need a fireman's hoist to reach some of them — you are in the presence of a man of rare ambition and energy.

There are subtler approaches to the role. Solness can be older, frailer, more vulnerable, as well as darker and more inward when it comes to revealing his obsessive hatred of a younger generation that will overthrow him as he himself overthrew his elders. But Cox is every inch the self-made man, chunky, restless and aggressive. Shoulders hunched, head thrust out, he paces the stage looking like some biologically improbable blend of bull and snapping turtle, prizefighter and troll. He could, you feel, build a castle today and knock it down tomorrow, using himself as a wrecker's ball.

Arguably, this leaves the eerier, more soulful parts of the character incompletely explored. But the performance exercises so voracious a grip that such cavils emerge only after you have seen it. What this Master Builder feels he intensely feels: guilt at the wrongs he has done his wife, desire to defend his achievements against rivals, pain that those achievements have proved unfulfilling, attraction to Hilde Wangel, the demonic girl who arrives out of the blue to urge him on to his apotheosis on the rooftops.

Siri Neal misses some of Hilde's danger, but exudes assured bravado and sexual magic enough to explain her hold over a man twice her age. Morag Hood, playing Solness's wife, occupies the opposite end of the emotional spectrum even more authoritatively. Her Aline combines an arid, brittle smile with an air of weary tolerance that amply explains why her husband dreads and avoids her.

The evening has its oddities. Solness's feared younger generation puts in regular appearances, in the forms of a boy with a model building set and of a group of young men who gawp at the audience in what is meant to be a menacing way, but put me in mind of village idiots posing for a group photo. Again, why bother to show a distant Cox clambering to the steeple of the house he has just built, and then ignore the stage-direction that says he can be "indistinctly seen plunging down among the trees"?

But that is a minor lapse of realism in a production that abjures the airy and symbolic for the concrete and clear, and never more so than when Cox is fiercely prowling his suburban cage. "One can't be sure what he might do, he's capable of anything," his wife says. Just so.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER



Brian Cox, who plays Solness as a force of nature, and Siri Neal — short on demonic attraction but high on sexuality — as Hilde Wangel in Ibsen's *The Master Builder*

Low-watt bulbs

Tulip Futures
Cockpit

JOHN Constable's play might have done better to open on Black Wednesday or one of the other black days when stock exchanges go into free fall. But even if this had shaken some up-to-the-minute spice over his subject matter — the collapse of the Dutch tulip market in 1637 — his treatment of these events would still disappoint, particularly after his achievement in adapting *Gormenghast*.

From the welter of material in that novel he selected sufficient telling incidents to create a work for the stage. He does not do likewise from the raw stuff of 17th-century Haarlem, where Dr Tulp has bred what he takes to be a unique "Black Viceroy" tulip and believes his fortune is made. In the course of the play, or from the programme, we learn that exactly 400 years ago the first tulips, imported from Turkey the previous autumn, flowered in The Netherlands. Within a few more years the growers discovered that plants that had produced flowers of uniform colour season after season could, for reasons unknown at the time, "break" or change into a striped form.

For these varieties prices soared; a single "Semper Augustus" bulb was valued at 4,600 florins, equivalent to 460 sheep. Promissory notes replaced actual bulbs until, one fine February day, too many people wanted to exchange their paper for goods and the market nose-dived.

What Constable does is give us a flavour of these events, but never a mouthful. We see Tulp (William Chubb) puffing tobacco smoke on to his tulip to keep pests away; and Frans Hals (Sean Baker) arranging for one bulb to be his fee for painting Dr and Mistress Tulp (Jane Wood). Hals's assistant, Anna Healy, has painted the flowers in Tulp's catalogue, but she is only a woman. A visitor from The Hague (Mark Anstee) wants to corner the market in "Viceroys".

The little incidents follow one another, and a climax is reached when the stage is filled with sacks of provisions, rolled carpets, brass trays and pickled herring in an attempt to reach Tulp's price. But no dynamic urges the events forward. Despite many references to rising prices there is no real sense of a bull market roaring in the background. And while Abigail Morris, directing her first play since *Kindertransport*, begins each scene with a pretty tableau, freezing the characters into the attitudes of a genre painting, this only emphasises the play's jerky and essentially undramatic movement.

JEREMY KINGSTON

FESTIVAL: The lively Clerkenwell Music Series helps to celebrate Lisbon in London

Capital connections

SHELTERING under the umbrella of "Lisbon in London", the festival celebrating the Portuguese city as Cultural Capital of Europe, the composer Roger Steptoe has cannily devised a series within a series. Cannily, first because the Clerkenwell Music Series introduces a delightful new venue to the London concert scene — the Victorian Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, in Exmouth Market — and secondly because the Series will move with the Culture Capital and in succeeding years present music appropriate to other designated cities.

The opening gala concert last Wednesday night offered a neatly organised programme that brought together music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton and a pair of Portuguese composers — Francisco de Lacerda and Joly Braga Santos — working within a broadly comparable tradition. The concert, and the series, was launched with a specially commissioned fanfare: *Clerkenwell's Brass Overture* by the contemporary Portuguese composer Sérgio Azevedo.

Azevedo's piece eschews the conventional notion of a fanfare, and reworks a trumpet theme from Vaughan Williams's *The Shepherds of the Delectable Mountains*. Atmospheric elements intended by the composer were forgone, presumably on practical grounds. The piece nevertheless made its effect, enhanced by the brilliance of a group of five brass players.

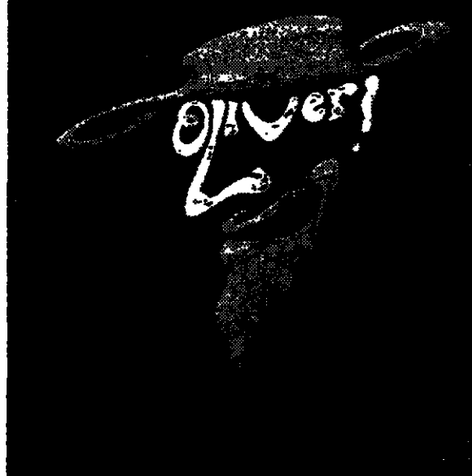
The Sinfonietta for Strings by Joly Braga Santos, receiving its British premiere, suggested the idiom not so much of Vaughan Williams or Walton as of Bartók. Yet it is an attractively individual and ingeniously wrought piece..

Also receiving its British premiere was Francisco de Lacerda's *Trovas* (Ballads), in which words (by the composer) and music draw on popular Portuguese idioms. The songs were delivered with an aptly demotic touch by the Portuguese soprano Elvira Archer.

Walton's short *Siesta*, cleanly and sensitively played by the New London Orchestra under Ronald Corp — as was the whole programme — was followed by Vaughan Williams's *Serenade to Music* in its choral version, and the same composer's *In Windsor Forest*, a short cantata adapted from the opera *Sir John in Love*, the tenors and basses of the London Choral Society delivering the latter's Drinking Song with particular relish. The Clerkenwell Music Series continues until Thursday.

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Why should places in chambers be so difficult to win, asks **Robin White**


ROBIN MAYES

Weighed down by the paperwork: Bar vocational course student Robin White with his pile of applications — he has now secured a pupillage

Chambers of horrors story

One question is never far from the surface among the 1,055 prospective barristers who enrolled on the Bar vocational course (BVC) at the Inns of Court School of Law this year. The big issue is that of finding "pupillage" — the year spent under the wing of an existing barrister necessary to complete qualification for independent practice.

The unpalatable fact is that only 75 per cent of students will find pupillage, only 50 per cent of them with funding from chambers to see them through the year. The rest will have wasted the £3,980 course fees and at least as much again in living expenses. It is not the competitive nature of the hunt for pupillage that students find so frustrating, it is more the unprofessional muddle of the whole affair. The Bar Council helpfully produces an annual handbook listing all available pupillages from the 300-odd chambers offering them. But then the Bar's version of a weird Victorian parlour game ensues. No application requirements are the same.

Deadlines for pupillage starting in autumn 1995 range from April 1994 to February 1995. Some chambers issue their own application forms, but most like the time-honoured formula of CV and handwritten covering letter.

They may require references to be sent direct by referees or to accompany the application. Or they might seek mere names of referees and addresses — or even none at all. Some chambers want one personal and one academic reference, others two academic, and yet others are mysteriously vague. Chambers awards (for the 450 funded pupillages of 700) vary from £3,000 to £24,000.

Compiling my 30 applications was an exercise that proved my ability to serve in Sir Humphrey Appleby's Department of Administrative Affairs, if not my suitability for a career at the Bar. The costs of the muddle are considerable. Students seeking pupillage in civil law chambers have routinely made 40 or more applications, and for criminal law chambers, 60 or more. A conservative estimate for the number of applications made by this year's 1,055 students could be 30,000. My 30 applications took more than 100 hours to prepare.

> The present clearing system is half-hearted

Chambers face similar problems. A civil chambers told me it received over 400 applications for two pupillages and that the selection process probably represented £20,000 in lost earnings.

A student's problems do not end when an offer of pupillage is received. The disparity in deadlines has meant that at least one student I know has had to decide to accept or reject an offer from a set which is low on her list of desirable chambers long before her preferred sets have even decided whether she will be invited for a preliminary interview.

The Barrow Report on the BVC published this year listed a significant predictor of a student's performance as the early removal of the worry of completing the course without a pupillage.

What is the solution to this mess? The clear answer is a system akin to the Universities and Colleges Admission Service (Ucas) arrangements for university applications. A single application form for each student submitted to a central office by a deadline in late September — when all university results have been finalised — and a restriction on a student's choice to fewer than ten chambers, would cut the paperwork dramatically. This would, however, remove the individuality of some chambers in processing applications and students might resent the loss of the "safety in numbers" of large multiple applications.

The savings to chambers are obvious if the central office, run by two or three staff, passed them the 50 applications that most closely met their criteria. Chambers could also be sure that applicants were being honest about their true preferences because the opportunity to "adapt" applications to each chambers in a subtle fashion would be lost.

Monitoring of discrimination would be simplified. Interviews in October, initial offers in November and a clearing stage in January would allow offers for the following October to be finalised long before the BVC had reached its halfway stage.

The present Patric pupillage clearing system, run by the Bar Council, is widely seen as half-hearted, relying as it does on those who have found pupillage to report the fact — the very people who no longer have any need of the system. Patric information does not become complete — and so useful — until the Bar Council staff canvass chambers directly in May.

The inevitable growth in the number of institutions offering the BVC in years to come and the likely growth in the numbers applying for pupillage mean that the pupillage selection stage will become an increasingly significant filter on the numbers entering the profession, second only to the arresting statistic that only half of those finding pupillage will get tenancy.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, next year's Bar chairman, says an Ucas system is "under active review", but that "the Bar Council has limited ability to tell chambers to do anything".

This is not good enough. If the Bar truly is a profession, it must grasp this nettle firmly. It may be that it is too late to put matters in hand for the 1996-97 pupillage round. The chance should not be lost for 1997-98.

● The author is a student on the Bar vocational course this year and has accepted pupillage with Devereux chambers for 1995-96.

Pregnant pause for the shock of the new

There has been an unexpected change in the laws protecting women against the disadvantages of pregnancy and women's need for maternity leave and pay. Until recently, they enjoyed little such legal protecton; child-bearing and rearing is the main reason for the unequal position of women at work. The equality laws aimed to equalise the position of men and women in comparable circumstances, not to give pregnant women special rights. Maternity leave was available only to certain women.

All of this has changed — not because of government action or popular pressure or parliamentary debate but because the European Union is committed to equality of the sexes. This commitment was apparent right from the start. The original Treaty of Rome stipulated that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work. The equality principle was subsequently amplified and developed in European Community legislation, in particular the Equal Treatment Directive of 1986. The European Union had recognised women's need and desire to be freed from the economic dependence of centuries.


JANE MANN

However, only in the past few years has attention focused on maternity rights. Developments have been dramatic and swift. The European Pregnancy Directive was passed in 1992. At the same time, the European Court, to protect pregnant women, was busy interpreting the Equal Treatment Directive. As a result of these developments, British women now enjoy vastly improved rights.

It is now unlawful to subject a woman to any detrimental treatment at work because she is pregnant. Therefore, a woman cannot be refused employment or promotion, fired or denied a place on a training or development course because she is pregnant. If she is, she has a claim for sex discrimination. There is no upper limit on the amount of compensation that may be awarded. A woman who alleges she has been dismissed for pregnancy also has a claim for unfair dismissal — even if she has only been employed for a short time, because the normal two-year qualifying period for bringing a claim does not apply in such circumstances.

All women now have the right to maternity leave, regardless of length of service and whether they are full-time or part-time. There is a basic entitlement to 14 weeks' maternity leave. During this time, all the normal benefits of employment must be continued. This includes pension-scheme membership, use of a company car and the accrual of holiday entitlement. The employer is, not, however, required to pay remuneration. Instead, so long as the woman has been in employment for 26 weeks, she receives statutory maternity pay (SMP). This is paid at the rate of 90 per cent of her normal earnings for six weeks. Employees whose service is too short to qualify for SMP receive a maternity allowance.

Women who have more than two years service qualify for a longer period of maternity leave. They can stay away for up to 40 weeks. However, most of this extra period of maternity leave is completely unpaid — unless the employer enhances the statutory rights. The woman receives basic SMP — and pension rights — for an extra four weeks, making 18 weeks in total. Otherwise, she has no statutory right to pay or benefits after the initial 14-week period.

After maternity leave, the woman is entitled to have her old job back. If the post has become redundant in the meantime, she is entitled to be offered any suitable alternative position which is available. Depending on her occupation, she may have the right to work part-time. An employer cannot insist on full-time working unless he can show that there is a good reason for the job to be performed full-time.

More changes may come. A case called Gillespie has been referred to the European Court. The court will be asked to decide whether European sex-discrimination laws give women the right to be paid during maternity leave. The court will consider whether women on maternity leave have the right to be paid at the same rate as employees on sick leave. (A ruling that occupational sick pay and maternity pay be equalised would be of greatest significance in the case of employers with generous sick pay schemes.) The court will also be asked to consider whether the denial of pay during maternity leave is of itself sex discrimination. If it is, the next questions which present themselves will be "for what period of leave is a woman entitled to be paid?" and "who pays — the Government or the employer?"

The speed and radical nature of these changes have left employers reeling. Not everybody has welcomed the new laws. Many people think they go too far. Matters have not been helped by the inordinate complexity of the new scheme of maternity rights. In the short term, the new laws may lead to a reluctance to hire women of child-bearing age. However, I believe that in 20 years' time, fully paid maternity leave will be completely accepted. Everyone will wonder what the fuss was about.

● The author, an employment law partner in the City law firm Fox Williams, specialises in advising employers on discrimination.

Another fine Mess

BARRISTERS are up in arms over last week's report that John Nutting, Treasury counsel, would not allow solicitor-advocate John Mackenzie into the robing room of the Old Bailey. Mr Nutting says that the impression given in the piece was the opposite of the truth. The problem, he and others have pointed out, was not in the robing room but with the Bar Mess rules, drafted when only barristers appeared at the Old Bailey.

Mr Nutting, who is a keen critic of anything which fosters hostility between the profession's two branches, wanted to invite Mr Mackenzie to lunch, but found the Mess rules did not allow it. "I expressed my regret to Mr Mackenzie," he says, "and told him I proposed that as chairman of the Mess I intend to take steps to alter the rules."

Mr Mackenzie, however, says that so far as he is concerned, the Bar Mess and the robing room are one and the same place. It makes no sense, he says, that he can change but not have a cup of coffee or lunch. "The whole sensation is that the Bar owns these places, like a private club. It is most disconcerting."


John Nutting: "regret"

Learner lawyers

BUDDING journalists are being given a chance to test their skills as part of the Bar Mock Trial competition, organised by The Citizenship Foundation. On November 19 and 26, Crown Courts nationwide are being taken over by pupils from 128 schools. The pupils will play the part of the parties, barristers, jurors and court staff. The journalists will have to meet tight deadlines, and will be judged by editors from local papers.

Favourite reads

CHARITY law guru Andrew Phillips, of solicitors Bates Wells and Braithwaite, says of the Charities Act: "Before the Act, most charities would not see a lawyer from year to year, which I heartily support." In *Charity Magazine*, he describes professionalism as "the greatest reef under the high seas facing the sector".

Meanwhile, the proposed statute for a European Association, which would create a Europe-wide legal structure for charities and voluntary organisations, seems likely to be shelved indefinitely. There is still support at the European Commission for a statute, which would supposedly facilitate cross-border work by non-profit-making organisations. But the Council of Ministers has questioned whether it is really necessary.

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Second D-Day

THE D-Day celebrations are over, but a second European battle has begun — for the hearts and minds of Europe's in-house lawyers. The American Corporate Counsel Association, which has 10,000 members, has opened a European Chapter.

Says president Michel Cloes, in Brussels: "This is not a movement from the US. It comes from the troops on the ground. There are specific issues affecting US companies and their lawyers based in Europe that the European in-house lawyer associations do not touch on."

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James Zirin on why judges in America are allowing court cases to be televised

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On camera and not acting: O. J. Simpson leaves a Los Angeles police station

Millions of viewers are poised to watch the televised screening of the O. J. Simpson case in Los Angeles after the ruling by Judge Lance Ito last week that a single camera can remain in his courtroom during the trial.

After a diatribe from the bench about all the evils of television, such as preening lawyers, witnesses dumbstruck with nervousness, and sensationalised sound bites, Judge Ito said that mistaken reporting of the case had happened outside the courtroom, not inside, and that cameras would serve to correct the record, as well as to educate the public.

The case is the latest to be subjected to the full glare of the media spotlight. Even where cameras are excluded, as in the recent Woody Allen custody battle, courtroom artists sketch the players in the drama for later reproduction in the press or on television.

But increasingly television is involved in coverage of trials in the United States. In 1991, live coverage of the Florida trial of William Kennedy Smith, who was acquitted of date rape, was beamed by satellite throughout the world.

Although the alleged rape victim later waived confidentiality and aired her accusation publicly, when she testified a black dot shielded her face from the television cameras. At the trial she told her story confidently and without apparent inhibition.

The acceptance of cameras is relatively recent. In 1935, in New Jersey, Bruno Hauptmann was tried for the kidnap and murder of the Lindbergh baby, and convicted and executed. The trial took place under the glare of bright lights, noisy film cameras and large items of movie equipment, all mostly out-moded in today's electronic age.

While the conviction and procedures in the Hauptmann trial have been affirmed by the appellate courts, Bar groups and judges subsequently adopted rules banning cameras in courts as creating "mischievous potentialities" for intruding on the "detached atmosphere which should always surround the judicial process".

In 1965, in *Estes v Texas*, the Supreme Court reversed the conviction of a much-publicised financier for swindling, holding that the televising of a criminal trial was "inherently a denial of due process" to the accused.

Justice Harlan stated that the chief reason for barring cameras from the courts was that "courtroom television introduces into the conduct of a criminal trial the element of professional 'showmanship'.

"In the context of a trial of intense public interest, there is certainly a strong possibility that the timid or reluctant witness, for whom a court appearance even at its traditional best is a harrowing affair, will become more timid or reluctant when he finds he will be appearing before a 'hidden audience' of unknown but large dimensions.

"And who can say that the juror who is gratified by having been chosen for a front-line case, an ambitious prosecutor, a publicity-minded defence counsel and even a conscientious judge, will not stray, albeit unconsciously, from doing what 'comes naturally' into pluming themselves for a TV 'performance'?"

In the 1980s the pendulum began to swing the other way. America is now well on its way to universal acceptance of television cameras in courtrooms. At present, 34 states permit courtroom coverage on a permanent basis and nine more, including New York, do so on an experimental basis.

None of Justice Harlan's objections — intrusiveness: the possibility that witnesses will be reluctant to testify; concern that lawyers (or even judges) may play to the electronic audience; the influence on jurors; and the sensationalisation of cases involving scandalous facts or celebrated participants — has proved over time to be terribly persuasive.

While the viewing public in the Kennedy Smith case may have been more largely titillated than educated, no indication emerged from the trial that the cameras had intruded upon the judicial process.

Since 1791 the Sixth Amendment has guaranteed the accused in criminal cases the right to a "speedy and public trial". The constitutional objective was a fair trial, and the "public trial" was intended as an assurance for attaining it. The guarantee of a "public trial" expressed the value that the judges, lawyers, witnesses and jurors would perform their roles more responsibly in a public rather than a star-chamber like atmosphere.

Pressure to televise judicial proceedings has not all come from Court TV, the private company standing most to gain economically from universal cameras in the courts.

Eminent lawyers and judges have argued that camera coverage promotes public education about the judicial system in action, just as the public is educated about the legislative system by seeing their lawmakers in action.

The argument about intrusiveness, which remained so persuasive with the court at the time of the Estes case, has been largely vitiated by technological advance. Cameras are now much smaller, fewer technicians are required, and cases can be filmed in ordinary light without the need for spotlights.

Recent studies in New York have shown that the impact of audio-visual equipment and operators on proceedings was negligible. The vast majority of judges participating in the experiment reported that witness testimony was not affected by the cameras, and virtually all responded that the cameras had no impact on the fairness of trials.

A 1991 study showed that 95 per cent of jurors polled felt no pressure either to convict or acquit by reason of the cameras, and most believed that there was no impact on a fair trial.

As for the concern that lawyers or witnesses will play to the camera, most judges believe that they can exercise sufficient control over their courtroom to prevent this from happening. Restrictions can be readily adopted regulating or eliminating coverage in divorce trials, trade secrets, merger and acquisition cases or other proceedings involving facts of a confidential nature.

With the O. J. Simpson case, there has been perhaps more media coverage of this apparently straightforward murder case than any within memory. But, in Judge Ito's view, the persuasiveness of the commentators will be tempered by the live coverage of the case, so that the public can weigh and sift what is being fed to them on the nightly news.

Cameras in the courtroom may be the most accurate and comprehensive means of conveying the contents of a trial to the public, particularly trials such as the Simpson case, where public faith in the integrity of the process is so essential.

● *James D. Zirin, a trial lawyer, is a partner in Brown & Wood, a New York law firm.*

£15 million payoff for a princess?

Lawyers acting for the Princess of Wales in any divorce would ask for a king's ransom, says **Frances Gibb**

Whether Lord Mishcon, Paul Butner or another ends up advising the Princess of Wales on any divorce settlement, the lawyer who has won instant fame from the latest Andrew Morton book is Geoffrey Waters, who writes the specially commissioned appendix to *Diana — Her New Life*.

The Princess's lawyers, he says in the book, are certain to press for the "largest capital payment possible" in any settlement. He would expect the Princess's advisers to be prepared to consider a "once-and-for-all settlement in the region of £15 million. This would be on the basis of achieving a clean break, so that the Prince of Wales did not have to make continuous maintenance payments, and on the Princess's ability to establish a need for an annual net income of or near £500,000."

But Mr Waters, head of the matrimonial department of the Covent Garden law firm Wedlake Bell (Michael O'Mara Books, the Morton book's publishers, are its clients), says the Prince is unlikely to have capital to achieve a "clean break" settlement from his wife. "Although the the Duchy of Cornwall's assets in excess of £90 million, the Prince does not have any right to this capital and the court would therefore not be able to force the Prince to pay the Princess any of that money."



Princess of Wales: £500,000 income

The Queen would probably have to help out with any settlement, as she did with her sister, Princess Margaret, and also with the Princess Royal's divorce, Mr Waters says.

The details of the financial arrangements are expected to be the biggest source of conflict between the Prince and Princess when they come to divorce.

The Princess's maintenance claim would be based on her husband's income which, after tax, is at least £3 million a year. A wife's claim is normally one third of the husband's net income if she has no income of her own. The Prince has no Civil List allowance and his lawyers would want to reduce the net income by the cost of public duties, estimated at a minimum of £1 million. That leaves a notional net income for the Prince of £2 million.

"She would therefore have a claim for maintenance of about £660,000," Mr Waters says. But lawyers would argue this should be reduced on the grounds of what her reasonable needs are. "It is difficult to see how an annual figure greater than £500,000 could be justified," he says.

A crucial factor in considering the Princess's reasonable needs are to what extent she continued to play

A divorce could occur at any day after December 9, provided that both parties consent, by which time the couple would have been apart for two years.

"Like any other couple, either of them may start the divorce," Mr Waters says. "The Princess could file a petition based on the factor of the alleged adultery of the Prince, but under the rules it is no longer necessary for her to name the co-respondent."

There would be no financial advantage for the Princess to sue for divorce on grounds of adultery, but it would remain a "bargaining lever", Mr Waters says, because the Prince would want the divorce to take place with the "minimum amount of publicity as any allegations of adultery would obviously fuel the press", a role in public life. "If there is to be a divorce, the Prince would almost certainly prefer it to be based on two years' separation with consent," Mr Waters says.

"One of them would have to enter a petition with a fee of £40 in the principal divorce registry or any other divorce county court in the country, which they might do to try to avoid publicity."

As with any other divorce petition, it would have to contain one of five facts to show irretrievable breakdown of the marriage: adultery, unreasonable behaviour, desertion (in excess of two years); living apart for two years, with consent; or living apart for five years, where consent is not necessary.

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Secure accommodation orders

***In re M (a Minor)* (Secure accommodation order)**

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Hoffmann and Sir Tasker Watkins

[Judgment November 10]

On an application under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 by a local authority to keep a child in secure accommodation, the welfare of the child was a relevant but not the paramount consideration and the criteria in section 1 of the Act were not applicable.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of a guardian *ad litem* from the dismissal by Mr Justice Ward on July 1 of the guardian's appeal from the order of the Birmingham Justices on June 2 authorising the local authority to keep a child, M, in secure accommodation for three months.

Mr David Hershman for the guardian *ad litem*; Mr Stephen Cobb for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the court had been told that the confusion about the correct approach to a section 25 application was causing difficulties for guardians appointed in those applications and some confusion by magistrates applying the criteria in section 25.

The issue had been considered by at least seven judges of the Family Division and there was a considerable divergence of opinion.

The general duty of a local authority to safeguard and promote the child's welfare was not the same as that imposed upon the court in section 1(1) placing welfare as the paramount consideration.

Among those duties and powers was the right of a local authority to hold a child in secure accommodation for up to 72 hours without a court order. To be enabled to do so the local authority had to surmount the hurdle of the requirements of section 25(1).

In coming to the decision to restrict the liberty of a child the local authority would also have to have regard to their duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of a child who was looked after by them.

The welfare principle was rightly to be considered by the local authority in coming to so serious and draconian a decision as the restriction upon the liberty of the child.

They had the power, however, in section 25(1)(b), to place him in secure accommodation if he was likely to injure others rather than himself. That power might be inconsistent with the concept of the child's welfare being paramount.

The jurisdiction of the court was to be found in the same section and the court applied the same criteria. To require the court to have regard to other criteria than those imposed upon the local authority within the same section would be inconsistent with the purpose of section 25 which gave the court the power to authorise the local authority to keep the child in secure accommodation.

Clearly the welfare of the child was of great importance and had to take its place in the relavant criteria. But if at the end of the day the relevant criteria were satisfied there was a mandatory requirement that the court should make an order authorising the child to be kept in secure accommodation.

As one looked at the wording of section 1 its provisions were either irrelevant to or inconsistent with section 25. The paramountcy principle was inconsistent with the duties of the local authority and with section 25(1)(b). Section 1 was not designed to apply to Part III of the Children Act.

A guardian *ad litem* appointed in a secure accommodation case had to adapt his general duties to the specific requirements of the application before the court.

In so far as he was given the opportunity by the court he had to endeavour to investigate, report and recommend what he believed was in the best interests of the child.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN, concurring, said that the function of the court under section 25 was to control the exercise of power by the local authority rather than to exercise an independent jurisdiction in the best interests of the child.

Section 25(3) said that the court's duty was to determine whether "any relevant criteria" were satisfied. In his Lordship's judgment they did not include the principles set out in section 1.

The duty of the court was to put itself in the position of a reasonable local authority and to ask whether the conditions in section 25(1) were satisfied and whether it would be in accordance with the local authority's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child, although subject to the important qualification in section 22(6) for the child to be kept in secure accommodation and, if so, for how long.

The function of the guardian *ad litem* in an application under section 25 was to assist the court in deciding those questions.

Sir Tasker Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Young & Lee, Birmingham; Mr Robert Barker, Birmingham.

Regulations cannot be challenged

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Security, Ex parte Nessa

Before Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment November 10]

The making of regulations by a minister of the Crown was a governmental act which was not subject to challenge on the ground of discrimination under the Race Relations Act 1976.

Mr Justice Auld so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division refusing an application by Mrs Syeda M. Nessa for judicial review of an adjudication officer's refusal of a funeral payment under regulation 7(1)(c) of the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No 481) in respect of costs incurred in the United Kingdom in returning her husband's body to Bangladesh, his country of origin, for burial.

Section 20 of the 1976 Act provides: "(1) It is unlawful for any person concerned with the provision . . . of . . . facilities or services to the public . . . to discriminate against a person who seeks to obtain or use those . . . facilities or services. . .

"(2) The following are examples of the facilities and services mentioned in subsection (1) — . . . (c) facilities . . . for grants . . . (g) the services of . . . any local or other public authority."

Section 75 provides: "(1) The Act applies — (a) to an act done by or for purposes of a minister of the Crown . . . as it applies to an act done by a private person."

Mr Richard Drabble for the applicant; Mr David Pannick, QC, for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE AULD said that one of the prescribed circumstances for the payment of funeral expenses from the social fund under regulation 7(1)(c) of the 1987 Regulations was that the funeral took place in the United Kingdom.

Mr Drabble had maintained that the regulation, in its prohibition of payment of any funeral expenses incurred in this country where the ultimate disposal of the body took place abroad, discriminated against residents in this country of overseas origin. Therefore, it was unlawful because it was contrary to section 20 of the 1976 Act.

Mr Drabble had attacked the legality of the regulation rather than the adjudication officer's act of refusal in compliance with it. Section 41 of the Act provided that nothing in the relevant parts of the Act should render unlawful any act of discrimination done in pursuance of, *inter alia*, any statutory instrument.

The 1976 Act applied to acts done by ministers of the Crown, civil servants and statutory bodies, subject to the important qualification that it did so as it would to acts done by a private person.

Mr Drabble had argued that the word "grant" in section 20(2)(c) and the reference in section 20(2)(g) to the services of a public authority indicated that governmental activity was subject to control under the 1976 Act.

He observed that the making of a discriminatory regulation was not protected by section 41 of the 1976 Act. Accordingly, the secretary of state, in his role of making a regulation with discriminatory effect, and for the application of which he was responsible, was "doing an act" as a minister of the Crown within the meaning of that expression in section 75(1) which was unlawful.

Mr Pannick had challenged that approach by reference to section 75(1) and *R v Entry Clearance Officer, Bombay, Ex parte Amin* ([1983] 2 AC 818) where the House of Lords had held that analogous provisions in the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 did not apply to acts done by a minister or officer of the Crown which were different in kind from acts that might be done by a private person.

The act in question in *Ex parte Amin* was the grant of special vouchers to persons seeking entry into the UK. It was held that that was not the provision of a facility or service, but the grant of permission to use facilities, a governmental act of control and not the kind of act that a private person could do, and was thus outside the scope of the 1975 Act.

Mr Pannick had submitted that the secretary of state's statutory power to make regulations was not the provision of facilities or services under section 20(1) of the 1976 Act because it was a law making function, done in the course of formulating or implementing government policy and, therefore, quite different in kind from the acts of a private person.

Mr Drabble had sought to counter Mr Pannick's reliance upon *Ex parte Amin* by advancing the distinction that the grant of an entry voucher was not the grant of a facility under the relevant provision, whereas the grant of a funeral payment was the grant of a facility under section 20(1) having regard to the example in section 20(2)(c): "facilities . . . for grants".

In his Lordship's judgment, that distinction was immaterial. The *ratio* in *Ex parte Amin* stemmed from the equivalent provision in the 1975 Act to section 75 of the 1976 Act. It was that acts of a governmental nature, as distinct from those of a kind that might be done by a private person, were not the subject of control under the 1975 Act.

Similarly, under the 1976 Act, whether or not an activity might fit the expression in section 20(1) "the provision . . . of goods, facilities or services to the public" when read in conjunction with the examples set out in section 20(2), it was only caught by the Act if, in accordance with section 75, as construed by the House of Lords in *Ex parte Amin*, it was an act of a kind that might be done by a private person.

That was of a piece with the exclusion from control by the Act of any act of discrimination done in pursuance of, *inter alia*, a statutory instrument. As Mr Pannick had observed, it would be anomalous if the instrument were unlawful while the act done in pursuance of it was lawful. The appropriate medium of challenge was in Parliament not in the courts.

Accordingly, the subject matter of the applicant's complaint, the making of regulation 7(1)(c), was not within the scope of section 20 of the 1976 Act, and the fact that the secretary of state was also responsible for the making of the payments under the regulations did not bring it within that scope.

Solicitors: Sinclair Taylor & Martin, North Kensington; Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Lacuna in new bail Act procedure

Regina v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Bone

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Scott Baker

[Judgment November 8]

A crown court judge, hearing an appeal by the prosecution against a decision by justices to remand on bail a person who had not yet been committed for crown court trial, should, if he exercised his power to remand in custody, be invited by the prosecution to stipulate a date which complied with the time limit imposed on justices by section 128 and 129 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when issuing a writ of habeas corpus and releasing Alan Bone from custody. Mr Bone had been charged on October 14, 1994. On October 20 he was granted conditional bail by Stratford Justices until December 15.

The prosecutor immediately served notice under section 1(6) of the Bail (Amendment) Act 1993 for rehearing of the bail application before a crown court judge and the justices remanded him in custody pending determination of the appeal. On October 21, Judge Smedley, QC, at the Central Criminal Court exercised his power under section 1(9) of the 1993 Act and remanded Mr Bone in custody to Pentonville Prison for an unspecified period.

Mr Richard Kovalevsky for Mr Bone; Mr John Bevan for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that crown court judge had not specified, nor would he normally be expected to specify the period for which he was remanding in custody because in the ordinary way when there was a bail application to the crown court judge it was because the defendant had been committed for trial to the crown court.

The 1993 Act, however, introduced a different and novel procedure on which on the material respects it was silent leading to the problems which arose in the present case. The difficulties arose because Mr Bone had not been committed for trial to the crown court and was still within the jurisdiction of justices whose powers of remand were generally limited to eight days by sections 128 and 129 of the 1980 Act.

Mr Kovalevsky submitted that granted the crown court judge was entitled both as a matter of jurisdiction under section 1(9) of the 1993 Act and of discretion to make the order that he did, that period of custody became unlawful once eight days had elapsed since Mr Bone last appeared before the justices: see *per* Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Cheblak* ([1991] 1 WLR 890, 894D). So seven days after the crown court judge's order, the detention of Mr Bone ceased to be lawful.

Mr Bevan accepted that the brevity of the 1993 Act created difficulties but the order was made perfectly lawfully and was unchallengeable. Sections 128 and 129 of the 1980 Act did not apply to a crown court judge and it would be surprising if justices had some power on appeal against a decision of the crown court judge whereby a limitation could be imposed by them on his order.

His Lordship accepted that the crown court judge was not subject to sections 128 and 129 of the 1980 Act. However, the detention of Mr Bone and its unlawfulness or otherwise had to be gauged by reference to the provisions of the 1980 Act because he was subject to the jurisdiction of the justices.

Mr Bevan had further submitted that were the Divisional Court minded to grant the writ that would lead to difficulties as to the status of Mr Bone. Did he become on bail on conditions, or without conditions or not on bail at all?

Mr Kovalevsky contended that the hearing before the crown court was a rehearing and the order made meant that the justices' order imposing bail conditions necessarily fell away. Mr Bone could not be said to be on conditional bail or on bail at all.

In his Lordship's judgment that submission was well founded. The consequences for Mr Bone and his relationship with the public might be extremely unfortunate. But if that were the consequence of the unlawful detention so be it. The application would be allowed.

His Lordship gave guidance on procedure. It was not satisfactory that justices who remanded on bail and specified a date should be invited to specify another date not more than eight days hence if the crown court were to allow an appeal against them under the 1993 Act.

The most convenient and sensible course would be for the crown court in future to be invited by the prosecution to stipulate a date that complied with the 1980 Act, not because the crown court judge was subject to the jurisdiction of that Act, but because of the lacuna in the 1993 Act that had led to the present difficulties.

Mr Justice Scott Baker agreed.

Solicitors: Duthie Hart & Duthie, Plaistow; CPS, Stratford.

School expulsion was unfair

Regina v Newham London Borough Council and Another, Ex parte X

Where a child had been expelled from school with no opportunity to make representations, that was an unfair decision which could be judicially reviewed.

Mr Justice Brooke so held in the Queen's Bench Division on October 28, when granting X, a schoolboy in the London Borough of Newham, an application for judicial review of the decision of his headteacher to expel him from his school as a result of an incident which had occurred outside the school's premises when X had "debagged" another boy apparently in retaliation to an alleged insult.

HIS LORDSHIP said that X's parents had been given no properly constituted right to appeal or to make representations to the school's governors against the headteacher's decision, under section 23(a)(iii) of the Education (No 2) Act 1982, that the matter in question went directly to the fairness of the decision to expel, and since in the court's judgment that was essentially a question of law, it was appropriate for the court to grant leave to apply for judicial review.

His Lordship added that since the applicant had a strong *prima facie* case that there had been a breach of the rules of fairness, and that since each day was of critical importance in the education of a child, the applicant was studying for his GCSE exams at the time of the incident, the court would grant interim relief to the applicant, ordering that he be allowed to return to his school.

Doctor cooperative payments lawful

Regina v Secretary of State for Health, Ex parte Federation of Medical Services Ltd

Family health services authorities were entitled to reimburse expenses incurred by general practitioner cooperatives for practice staff, premises and computers even though such payments were not authorised when made to companies limited by guarantee.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Buckley) so held on October 27 in dismissing an application for judicial review brought by the Federation of Medical Services Ltd against the statement in Circular FHSL(94)11 dated February 23, 1994 by the Secretary of State for Health that family health services authorities could reimburse expenses incurred by general practitioner members of cooperatives for practice staff, premises and computers.

One of the federation's aims was to promote its constituent members in the provision of family doctor deputising services at nights and weekends.

In recent years, some doctors had started to provide similar services through doctors' cooperatives which were set up and run by doctors and usually operated in the form of companies limited by guarantee.

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Terry Venables's lament that his efforts to build an England team are undermined by playing the Manchester derby six days before the international at Wembley against Nigeria tomorrow needs putting into perspective. His Nigerian counterpart, Amadu Shuaibu, the caretaker coach coming in for his first game in charge of the national team, arrived at Heathrow yesterday afternoon with three players. None of them are expected to start the match at Wembley. A reserve goalkeeper, Ike Shorunmu, and two untried defenders, Bolaji Douglas and Nduka Ugbade, they are the only Eagles left in Lagos.

The other 15 members of the squad are employed in nine different European countries. When they are all assembled, one wonders whether Shuaibu's photocall will be something rather unique, whether, in fact, he will need photographic portraits to identify his own selection.

Exaggeration? A touch. For the coach waited in the arrivals lounge at Heathrow to welcome most of his squad and, anyway, as a club coach in his homeland he will be familiar with the strengths and the skills that powered Nigeria to win the African nations' cup in April and very nearly to eliminate Italy from the World Cup in July.

Shuaibu left no doubt of his intention. "We are definitely not here for any joke," he said. "We are going to match England skill for skill, tactic for tactic. We think the match is 50-50."

So it is a fallacy to suggest that the burdens of the England coach, playing club versus country all the while, are unique. Except for David Platt, domiciled in Italy, Venables can see his players perform, albeit too often, on a weekly basis without leaving the country. Shuaibu, on the other hand, may claim that he has players with better technique, that his individuals had been schooled into a team under Clemens Westerhof, before the Dutch coach was made to leave Nigeria hurriedly, squabbling over pay and accused of profiteering by placing some of the gifted sons of Nigeria with clubs of his choice.

They would have ventured abroad anyway. There are, for example, two Nigerians now performing in the European Cup for Ajax of Amsterdam. That club may have the most progressive youth policy in the world, but still it mines Africa for talent. Trust the Dutch to polish a diamond. In Finidi George, Ajax possess a dynamic right winger who is as well known to us as the towering centre forward, Rashidi Yekini (now with Olympiakos, in Greece), Emmanuel Amunike (Sporting Lisbon, Portugal) and, of course, Daniel Amokachi (Everton).

Ajax believe they have someone even more spectacular, a boy rather than a man, Nwankwo Kanu, who has just celebrated his eighteenth birthday, was a revelation against Casino Salzburg in the last round of matches in the Champions' League.

In fact, he is not the babe of the Nigeria squad; that is Wilson Oruma, from Lens, in France, who is 17. Kanu may not start the match and even if he does, club officials in Amsterdam are not sure what his best position is. "We are trying to find out," they say. "Kanu can play right midfield, the same as Finidi George, he can play No 9 or No 10 ... he is going to be the complete player."

The blooding of youth, the blending with the older, established members of the side, is an African trait. They judge nothing by the calendar, only by the apparent readiness of the player. Perhaps it is time the British patronised them less, for is it not the case that England are waiting and wondering whether Steve McManaman, 22, is a mite immature to take on full international status?

While Venables is respectful enough to know that, with Nigeria's toughness at the back and lightning speed in attack, he has a game on his hands at Wembley, at least this levelling of the world playing field is universal. For in Palermo on the same night, this time for qualifying points towards the 1996 European championship, Italy tremble at the thought of taking on Croatia.

This might sound ridiculous; the World Cup finalists against a newly-formed, newly-accepted state of the former Yugoslavia. But while Italy breathes a sigh of relief at the return of Roberto Baggio, who is obviously needed after the team's struggles so far in the competition, Croatia boast attacking players of the calibre of Davor Suker and Robert Prosinecki, both of whom are in good form in Spain, plus Zvonimir Boban, of AC Milan.

It is a pity that Alen Boksic, of Lazio, has been withdrawn with a thigh strain, but the presence of the experienced defenders, Robert Jarni and Slaven Bilic, will mean that Croatia, leading their group and with a 100 per cent record, will be anything but fall guys.

The world is changing, the minnows are no longer easy prey, and England do not have all the problems.

Wales prepare to go boldly with trusty crew back on board

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN TBILISI, GEORGIA

UNLIKE the Starship Enterprise, which boldly trekked where no man had gone before, Wales are well aware of exactly what to expect here in Georgia on the third leg of their European championship qualifying campaign: a country still bearing the scars of internal war; an economy regulated by local mafioso and a population eking out an existence by whatever means, often fair, sometimes foul.

More worringly, Georgia remains a passionate footballing nation, with a team easily capable of ending Welsh hopes of reaching the 1996 finals before their challenge has taken root. Defeat in the 75,000-capacity Boris Paichadzo National Stadium tomorrow, even a draw, will probably reduce Mike Smith's mission to abject failure.

With the 3-2 loss in Moldavia still hurting, and with four matches against Germany and Bulgaria to come, victory is vital. "We've had to live with that Moldavia result for a month," Smith, the Wales manager, said. "Now it's time to do the job properly."

At least Smith's ammunition, on this occasion, is of the live variety, rather appropriate in a country in which hotels have sported the sign: "Visitors must check their guns at reception." The area is still classified as a war zone by the United Nations, though much of the conflict was concentrated in the western region of Abkhazia, well away from Tbilisi, the capital.

Against Moldavia, Wales were without Giggs, Hughes, Rush and Saunders, an attacking threat that bears comparison with any; against Georgia, only Giggs will be missing, after aggravating an ankle injury in Manchester United's 5-0 demolition of Manchester City last week.

Though wary of what may lurk in Georgia's seamier hotspots, Wales should be more than content with the off-the-field organisation. Mark Evans, international match secretary for the Football Association of Wales, said: "The Georgians have been a bit slow to reply at times, but they've staged big games before and at least they know what to do. The football facilities are good and the political situation should not really have to concern us."

Wales last played in Tbilisi in 1981, when they lost a World Cup qualifying tie against the Soviet Union 3-0. England visited the same ground five years later, winning 1-0. Though Georgia have lost their opening qualifying matches in group seven — 1-0 to Moldavia and 2-0 to Bulgaria — Smith is not fooled.

John Neal, the former Chelsea manager, watched the Bulgaria game in Sofia and reported back that Georgia could have been 3-0 in front at half-time. "John told me that Bulgaria then stepped up a gear in the second half," Smith said. "But we still know it is not going to be easy."

Wales are confident they know all they need to about Georgia but, unlike Captain Kirk, of Star Trek fame, Smith has nobody to beam him up should things go wrong. If only Scotty were a Welshman.

☐ Gerry Taggart is doubtful for Northern Ireland's European qualifying match with the Republic of Ireland in Belfast tomorrow. He has a virus infection. Steve Staunton has belatedly been declared fit to join Jack Charlton's squad.

JULIAN HERBERT


Terry Venables, the England coach, talks tactics with Peter Beardsley during training at Bisham Abbey yesterday. The Newcastle forward could well be joined in the team to play Nigeria at Wembley tomorrow by four players from Liverpool, his former club. Neil Ruddock is expected to make his debut at centre half alongside Rob Jones, at right back, and John Barnes, in midfield, where there may be a first cap for Steve McManaman.

Impressive Butt wins England Under-21 place

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NICKY Butt yesterday continued his extraordinary rise to prominence when he was selected for the England Under-21 team to play Ireland at St James' Park, Newcastle, tonight. The 19-year-old midfield player, with impressive performances for Manchester United in the European Cup Champions' League already to his credit this season, was included in the squad only over the weekend after six of those originally chosen bowed out with injuries, but one training session yesterday was enough to convince Kevin Keegan, the Under-21s' coach, to complete Butt's promotion.

"He impressed me so much, I had to put him straight in," he said. "What players can do in training, they can also do in matches and everything Nicky did was quality."

The Uefa championship group six qualifier is expected to attract a crowd of around 18,000 — three times the number that turned up for the 0-0 draw with Portugal at Leicester in September — although the only North East-based player in the team is Steve Watson, of Newcastle, at right back.

Scotland have a potentialy tougher task in their match in group eight, with Russia visiting the Broadwood Stadium in Cumbernauld, and have made a number of changes from the team beaten 1-0 by Finland earlier in the competition. Steven Pressley, the Coventry City central defender, leads a group of players in the team who ply their trade south of the border, including Duncan Jupp, of Fulham, Peter Handyside, of Grimsby Town, and Scott Marshall, on loan at Sheffield United from Arsenal.

The Rangers defender, Alan McLaren, is doubtful for Scotland's European championship qualifier against Russia at Hampden Park tomorrow night. McLaren missed training yesterday with a virus.

ENGLAND UNDER-21 (v Ireland under-21 at St James' Park, Newcastle). P Gerrard (Oldham Athletic); S Watson (Newcastle United), D Gordon (Crystal Palace), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), D Unsworth (Everton), T Sinclair (Queens Park Rangers), J Redknapp (Liverpool, captain), C Bart-Williams (Sheffield Wednesday), N Butt (Manchester United), N Whelan (Leeds United), J Joachim (Leicester City). Substitutes: M Oakes (Aston Villa), J Smith (Wolverhampton Wanderers), J Pollock (Middlesbrough), M Smith (Sunderland), G Fenton (Aston Villa).
SCOTLAND UNDER-21 (v Russia Under-21 at Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld): D Stillie (Aberdeen), D Jupp (Fulham), G Love (Hibernian), S Pressley (Coventry), P Handyside (Grimsby Town), N Murray (Rangers), A Johnston (Heart of Midlothian), S Marshall (Arsenal), C Dailly (Dundee United), C McDonald (Falkirk), S Crawford (Raith Rovers). Substitutes: to be announced

Panthers given easy ride to final

NOTTINGHAM Panthers ice hockey team qualified for the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup with embarrassing ease; they beat Edinburgh Racers 19-2 at home on Saturday and, apparently content with that, ensured that nothing untoward happened in the second leg, which they lost 9-6 (Norman de Mesquita writes).

At least the Racers regained some pride after the nightmare on Saturday. Then, the Panthers led 4-2 at the end of the first period, but five goals in the first nine minutes of the second took them out of reach and eventually they scored 15 more times without reply.

Simon Hunt, 21, a forward born locally, scored six times in the first leg and twice in the second, while Paul Adey contributed five goals to Saturday's rout.

The Panthers will play Cardiff Devils in the final at Sheffield Arena next month, by which time the Devils will hope to have recovered from a chastening experience in Minsk.

The first British club to qualify for the semi-finals of the European Cup, Cardiff could not rediscover the form which took them there and scored only three times while conceding 40 goals to the champions of Austria, Slovakia and Belorussia.

In the premier division, Basingstoke Beavers and Sheffield Steelers both won to narrow the gap behind the Panthers at the top of the table and Milton Keynes Kings gained a rare win — over the deteriorating Humberside Hawks, who have lost their last four games.

Swindon Wildcats lost their place at the top of the first division, losing to Solihull Barons and Trafford Metros. Telford Tigers take the lead after easy wins over Romford Raiders and Lee Valley Lions but only four points separate the Tigers from the Metros in sixth place.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Seattle 115 LA Clippers 90.
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: John Carr Panthers Doncaster 103 (Fite 40, Modzelewski 21, Thames Valley Tigers 87 (Bucknall 22).
7-UP TROPHY: London Towers 67 (Scott 25), Leopards 75 (Youngblood 21)
7UP TROPHY SEMI-FINALS DRAW: December 2: Doncaster Panthers v Sheffield Sharks December 7: Worthing Bears v Thames Valley Tigers. December 14: Sheffield v Doncaster; Thames Valley v Worthing

CRICKET

CASTLE CUP: Cape Town: Western Province 105 and 396; Orange Free State 215 and 278-6 (W J Cronje 111, R Steyn 84, G Liebenberg 50). Orange Free State won by 6 wickets Durban: Natal 179 and 183; Border 115 and 235 (Daryll Cullinan 70, Steve Pallraman 56). Natal won by 12 runs. Port Elizabeth: Transvaal 398 and 224-8 declared (Brad White 68, Neil Fairbrother 51); Eastern Province 325 and 283-8 (Tim Shaw 84 not out, Dave Richardson 72 not out). Match drawn.
TOUR MATCH: Bangalore (second day of three): President's XI 238 (V Rathore 64); West Indians 371-4 (K L T Arthurton 99 not out, P V Simmons 91, J C Adams 78).

EQUESTRIANISM

MILLSTREET, Co Cork: World Cup show: The Daily Gold Indoor Derby: 1, Rochet M (A Ledarmann, Fr) 3 faults 34.94sec; 2, Junquilla (H Van de Pol, Holl) 3 38.28; 3, Trudo Jannique (L Philippaerts, Bel) 4 24.35). British: 10, Senator Lannegan (M Lucas) 4 faults in 1st rd.

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Qualifying matches: Group One: Lesotho 2 Cameroon 0, Zimbabwe 2 Zaire 1. Group two: Mauritania 1 Liberia 1; Guinea Bissau 1 Senegal 4; Tunisia 1 Togo 1. Group three: Gambia 1 Ghana 2; Niger 4 Sierra Leone 2. Group four: Egypt 5 Ethiopia 0, Tanzania 2 Sudan 0; Uganda 1 Algeria 1. Group five: Gabon 3 Mauritius 0; Zambia 1 South Africa 1. Group six: Mali 0 Angola 0; Mozambique 2 Guinea 1; Namibia 1 Botswana 1. Group seven: Morocco 1 Ivory Coast 0.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 2 Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata 0; Huracan 3 Ferro Carril Oeste 0; Platense 3 Independiente 2; Deportivo Espanol 1 San Lorenzo 3; Deportivo Mandiyu 0 Belgrano de Cordoba 4, Talleres de Cordoba 1 Argentinos Juniors 2, Banfield 0 Gimnasia y Esgrima de Jujuy 0
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 0 Oxford United 1; Millwall 1 Norwich City 0.
Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton (Sunday).
SECOND DIVISION
18 Barn'gh'm v Bour'm'th 1
19 Bradford v Crewe X
20 Brighton v Peterboro X
21 Camb'ge v Shrewsbury 1
22 Chester v Blackpool 2
23 Huddi'field v Brentford 1
24 Hull v Bristol R X
25 Leyton O v York 1
26 Oxford v Rotherham 1
27 Plymouth v Wrexham 2
28 Swansea v Stockport 1
29 Wycombe v Cardiff 1
THIRD DIVISION
30 Barnet v Bury 2
31 Doncaster v Hartlep'l 1
32 Fulham v Lincoln X
33 Gillingham v Chesfld 1
34 Hereford v Carlisle 2
35 Preston v Nor'h'pton 1
36 Rochdale v Colchest 2
37 Scarboro v Torquay 2
38 Scunthorpe v Mansfld 1
39 Walsall v Exeter 1
40 Wigan v Darlington X
DIADORA LEAGUE
41 B Stortford v Enfield 2
42 Chesham v Molesey 1
43 Dulwich v Hayes 2
44 Grays v Kingstonian X
SCOTTISH PREMIER
45 Dundee U v Hearts 1
46 Hibs v Motherwell 1
47 Kilmarnock v Celtic 2
48 Partick v Aberdeen 2
49 Rangers v Falkirk 1
SCOTTISH FIRST
50 Airdrie v Dundee X
51 Clyde v Raith 2
52 Dunf'mline v St Mirren 1
53 St Johnst'ne v Ayr 1
54 Stranraer v Hamilton 2
SCOTTISH SECOND
55 Berwick v Clyde 1
56 East Fife v O of S'th 1
57 G Morton v Stirling 1
58 Meadowb'k v D'barton X
Not on coupons: Stenhousemuir v Brechin.
SCOTTISH THIRD
Not on coupons: Alloa v Ross; Caledonian v Albion; East Stirling v Cowdenbeath, Montrose v Forfar, Queen's Park v Arbroath.

GOLF

DORADO PARK, Puerto Rico: World Cup: Final scores and team totals: 536: United States (F Couples 65, 63, 68, 69; D Love III 67, 66, 69, 69) 550: Zimbabwe (M McNulty 68, 67, 67, 70, A Johnstone 67, 72, 68, 73), 551: Sweden (J Parnevik 68, 69, 70, 67; J Haeggman 71, 65, 70, 65); New Zealand (F Nobilo 70, 66, 67, 69; G Turner 72, 70, 68, 71). 557: Scotland (G Brand Jr 73, 69, 72, 85; A Coltart 71, 68, 69, 70); Paraguay (P Martinez 71, 69, 69, 69; A Franco 69, 68, 72, 70); Japan (M Kawamura 71, 67, 65, 73; T Suzuki 75, 68, 66, 72). 558: Germany (B Langer 71, 71, 65, 66, S Struver 71, 69, 73, 69). 559: Italy (C Rocca 68, 66, 68, 68; S Grappasonni 68, 71, 75, 74); Australia (S Elkington 69, 68, 71, 66; M Clayton 75, 65, 75, 70); Malaysia (P Gunasegaran 73, 69, 71, 73; M Ramayeh 66, 64, 69, 74). 560: Argentina (E Romero 72, 66, 66, 70; M Guzman 72, 70, 73, 71); 563: Mexico (E Toledo 69, 72, 69, 68; R Alarcon 73, 75, 70, 69). 565: Canada (D Barr 72, 68, 71, 72; R Gibson 71, 65, 71, 74); 566: England (M Roe 69, 71, 72, 72; B Lane 72, 70, 68, 74), Ireland (D Clarke 69, 70, 76, 71, P McGinley 69, 70, 72, 71); South Africa (R Wessels 70, 68, 74, 70; W Westner 70, 72, 73, 71); France (M Besancenay 74, 71, 75, 69; J Van de Velde 73, 67, 68, 71). 570: Thailand (A Marksaeng 69, 71, 67, 75; B Ruangkit 70, 71, 75, 72); Holland (C Van Der Velde 71, 71, 70, 71,, J Steenkamer 73, 67, 74, 73); South Korea (Young-Keun Han 75, 72, 68, 72, Sang-Ho Choi 74, 66, 72, 71). 577: Brazil (A Pedro 77, 70, 73, 75; A Barcellos 69, 68, 70, 75). 578: Finland (M Pitk: 72, 74, 67, 71; A Kankkonen 72, 75, 73, 74); Denmark (J Rasmussen 78, 70, 69, 75, S Tinning 71, 73, 70, 72). 579: Wales (I Woosnam 73, 69, 66, 69; P Price 77, 72, 72, 81). 581: Chinese Taipei (Yu Chen-Han 75, 66, 73, 74; Lu Chien-Soon 72, 73, 73, 75). 583: Spain (J Rivero 73, 71, 74, 78; A Miranda 73, 70, 74, 70). 592: Switzerland (A Bossert 71, 71, 70, 73; M Scopetta 72, 81, 72, 82) 595: Puerto Rico (W Morales 71, 74, 72, 74; M Camacho 75, 73, 78, 78). 598: Hong Kong (K Kan 79, 74, 77, 74; D Boules 78, 78, 67, 73). 624: Norway (H Strom-Olsen 84, 84, 78, 80; T Nielsen 78, 71, 79, 74) Leading individual scores: 265: Couples 65, 63, 68, 69. 270: Rocca 68, 66, 68, 68. 271: Love 67, 66, 69, 69. 272: Nobilo 70, 68, 67, 69; M McNulty 68, 67, 67, 70. 273: Ramayeh (Mal) 68, 64, 69, 74

MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina: Senior Tour championship: Leading final scores: 273: R Floyd 67, 73, 67, 66; J Albus 64, 71, 68, 72. (Floyd won Sudden-death). 275: J Sigel 69, 72, 71, 63. 277: J Deni 71, 69, 70, 67. 279: T Wargo 67, 74, 70, 68. 280: D Stockton 69, 73, 71, 67.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke Beavers 8 Humberside Seahawks 8; Peterborough Pirates 9 Durham Wasps 6; Sheffield Steelers 7 Milton Keynes Kings 4, Whitley Warriors 5 Fife Flyers 4. First division: Blackburn Blackhawks 5 Slough Jets 10; Chelmsford Chieftains 3 Teeside Bombers 13; Dumfries 7 Guildford Flames 3; Lee Valley Lions 5 Telford Tigers 13; Medway Bears 11 Romford Raiders 6, Solihull Barons 12 Paisley Pirates 8; Trafford Metros 10 Swindon Wildcats 9. Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-final, second Leg: Edinburgh Racers 9 Nottingham Panthers 6 (Nottingham win 25-11 on aggregate).

LACROSSE

SENIOR COUNTY TOURNAMENTS: Women: South: Middlesex 5 Sussex 0; Sussex 1 Surrey 10; Middlesex 5 Surrey 2 Overall: Middlesex. North: Lancashire 7 Cheshire 4; Lancashire 6 Yorkshire 5, Yorkshire 8 Cheshire 8 Overall: Lancashire. Midlands: Staffs and Warwickshire 4 Midland Universities 3 Overall: Staffs and Warwickshire. West: Berkshire 7 Hampshire 2; Berkshire 16 Glos, Somerset and Avon 1, Hampshire 10 Glos, Somerset and Avon 1 Overall: Berkshire

POWERBOATING

SATTAHIP BAY: Thailand grand prix: 1, B Seebold (US), 20pts; 2, G Cappellaro (It), 17, 3, M Werner (Ger) 15; 4, P Eriksson (Swe) 13; 5, Goran Karlot (Swe) 11, 6, J Jonec (GB) 10; 7, D Berlels (Bel) 9; 8, T Ishikawa (Japan) 8.

REAL TENNIS

HAMPTON COURT: British Open Championship, qualifying event: Second round: I Ronaldson bt A Knibbs 6-0, 6-1, N O'Hagan bt J Ward 6-2, 6-1. S Brocksenshaw bt D Read 6-1, 6-2. D Jones bt M Segneur 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; M Ward bt P Paterson 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. A Davies bt A Snelgrove 6-2, 6-4. Quarter-final: P Jarvis bt I Snell 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, T Warburg bt I Ronaldson 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, O'Hagan bt A Oliver 6-3, 5-6, 6-4, M Ryan bt D Jones 6-5, 7-6. Jarvis bt M Howard 3-6, 6-2, 6-5; K Ludekens bt A Davies 6-4, 6-4. Semi-finals (qualifying round): Jarvis w/o Warburg, O'Hagan bt K King 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Brocksenshaw bt Ryan 5-6, 6-2, 6-2. Ludekens bt Ward 6-4, 6-5.

ORATORY SCHOOL: British Women's Handicap championship, semi-finals: First division: Dr G Dean bt J Howell 6-2; J Weiss bt S Haswell 6-1. Finish: Weiss bt Dean 8-5. Holyport: Second division: semi-finals: D Ingham bt J Murphy 6-5, J Ayers bt S Milton 6-0. Final: Ayers bt Ingham 8-5. Doubles final: Ayers and Ingham bt P Lear and C Calderwood 8-7

TENNIS

BUENOS AIRES: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Corretja (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp) 7-6, 1-6, 6-3, J Frana (Arg) bt K Kinnear (Cz) 7-5, 6-2. Final: Corretja bt Frana 6-3, 5-7, 7-6.

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament: Final: A Huber (Ger) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-0, 6-7, 7-5.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Third round (women): Wiley 0 Tennis World Middlesbrough 3; Topspin Darlington 0 FIFS Hallamshire, Sheffield 3; Boston 3 Watchorn Attreton 0. Edgbaston Priory 3 Lincoln indoor 0; Clearview Brentwood bt Batchwood, St Albans w/o; Queenswood School 1 David Lloyd Finchley 2; Connaught bt Surrey Country Club w/o; Carlton 0 Queen's Club 3, Allerdale Gosport 3 Middlesex University 0

POOLS FORECAST

Coupon No, fixture, forecast
Saturday November 19
unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Coventry v Norwich 2
2 Ipswich v Blackburn 2
3 Man Utd v C Palace 1
4 Nott'm F v Chelsea 1
5 QPR v Leeds 2
6 Sheff Wed v West Ham X
7 South'pton v Arsenal 2
8 Tottenham v A Villa X
9 Wimbledon v N'castle X
Not on coupons: Everton v Liverpool (Monday), Leicester v Man City (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION
10 Bolton v Notts Co 1
11 Luton v Portsmouth 2
12 Millwall v Barnsley 1
13 Southend v Reading X
14 Stoke v Grimsby 1
15 Sunderland v Watford 1
16 Tranmere v Oldham 1
17 West Brom v Cldham 1
Not on coupons: Bristol City v Swindon (Sunday), Burnley v Sheffield United (Sunday), Derby v Port Vale, Millwall, Tranmere, West Brom, Swansea, Scunthorpe, Walsall, Chesham, Rangers, St Johnstone, Greenock Morton
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Bolton, Millwall, West Brom, Swansea, Scunthorpe. Aways: Norwich, Blackburn, Colchester. Draws: Tottenham, Wimbledon, Brighton.
☐ Vince Wright

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Sheffield Wednesday, Tottenham, Wimbledon, Southend, Bradford, Brighton, Hull, Fulham, Wigan, Grays, Arsenal, Meadowbank. Wimbledon.
BEST DRAWS: Tottenham, Wimbledon, Brighton, Fulham, Wigan.
AWAYS: Norwich, Blackburn, Blackpool, Carlisle, Colchester.
HOMES: Manchester United, Bolton,

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Any Member wishing to attend as a Graduate should apply by 30 November 1994 to The Clerk to the Council at the above address, furnishing details of his/her claim to membership, so that the necessary papers, security and voting authorities may be made available at the meeting.
DATED 14 November 1994
W M Morgan
Clerk to the Council

CHAPMAN, EVA LAURIE CHAPMAN, otherwise EVA CHAPMAN. Spinster late of Tower Hamlets, London E.1. Died there on 29 November 1991 (Estate about £8,000).

HULL, THOMAS EDGAR HULL late of Deerway Park, Durham. Died there on 11th May 1994.(Estate about £5,000).

LAMBERT, CLIVE FRED LAMBERT otherwise CLIVE FREDERICK LAMBERT late of Birmingham. West Midlands. Died there on 11th January 1994 (Estate about £17,000).

RAMSDEN, ROBERT HENRY RAMSDEN late of Stockwell, London, SW9. Died there on 7th January 1993 (Estate about £12,000).

ROWLES, ROBERT JAMES ROWLES late of Horsham, West Sussex. Died there on 10th January 1994. (Estate about £8,000).
SNASHALL, FLORENCE AMELIA SNASHALL. Spinster late of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Died there on 31 January 1994 (Estate about £5,000).
SPAVEN, LAURENCE SPAVEN late of Otley, West Yorkshire. Died there on 31 January 1994 (Estate about £48,000).
ZAJTEZ, GREGORY ZAJETZ otherwise GEORGE ZAJETZ late of Birmingham, West Midlands. Died there on 6th February 1994 (Estate about £21,000).
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, stating which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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Oliver Holt reflects on a Formula One year dominated by the death of Ayrton Senna

Season when May Day brought summer to an end

The esoteric things are already beginning to fade from the mind. Michael Schumacher may still have bad dreams about black flags and skidblocks but, for the majority, the catalogue of squabbles and controversies that dominated the season are merging into one now that it is over. This Formula One year will be remembered for one thing: the death of Ayrton Senna.

There are curves or straights named after him at nearly every track and at Suzuka the spectators have built a shrine to him. Schumacher dedicated his drivers' championship to him. Frank Williams and his team offered up the constructors' championship as well in honour of their driver. His image is everywhere.

Senna's death during the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola on May 1 cast a strange spell over the sport. Nobody, for instance, seemed prepared to accept the brilliance of Schumacher for what it was. He was peerless in the first half of the season so people said he must be cheating.

It would have been a great year had Senna not died at Tamburello. A battle royal between him and the young German was in its nascent stages when he was killed. Without him, without the Damon Hill that emerged in the latter part of the season, new adversaries were invented for Schumacher in the form of disqualification and suspension.

If Senna had lived and the race for the championship had been neck and neck, with all the attendant publicity and tension that would have brought, the accusations against Benetton about the presence of a launch control system in their computer software might never have surfaced. Nobody likes a runaway leader.

Senna's death plunged Formula One into crisis not just because it created a whole new set of fears about safety but because it deprived the sport of the last of the great champions. Schumacher and Hill, fine understudies, were cast in the leading roles too soon, without really knowing their lines.

"We have several problems," Gerhard Berger, the Ferrari driver and Senna's close friend, said. "The old generation disappeared too quickly, not like in the past when it was step by step. This time, Mansell went to America, Prost retired, Piquet stopped and Ayrton died. They were all great characters. In one and a half years, all the strong characters were gone.

"Then the young guys who are replacing them made the mistake of trying to imitate Senna in everything because he was the most successful driver. The only thing Ayrton did not show was enjoyment of his life. He did not look like a happy person and gave the impression every day of being a computer. So the young generation now thinks you have to go about like this if you want to be like Senna and that is wrong.

"Senna was successful because of so many things and you're not going to win more if you walk around all day with a long face. Many of the team chiefs think that is the way to success and the guys are afraid that if they have too much fun no-one will take them seriously.

"But people want to see racing drivers, not just racing. They want to see their life, they want them to be natural. Alesi is quite good like this, Schumacher is coming along and Hill is trying. They will build it up again in a couple of years."

Of all the faces that crowd the memory from this season that seemed to go on forever, never letting up in intensity or incident, the pit-lane fire at Hockenheim following hard on the heels of Schumacher's refusal to obey the black flag at Silverstone, Berger's looms largest. One of the most intelligent and astute drivers on the circuit, certainly the one most imbued with *joie de vivre*, he came close to retiring in the aftermath of the deaths of his compatriot, Roland Ratzenberger, and Senna.

Instead, he threw himself into the safety campaign, heading the reformed Grand Prix Drivers' Association, and then two months later ended Ferrari's three-year losing streak by winning the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim. His memories of the season, though, like everyone else's, are dominated by Senna, his team-mate at McLaren for three years.

"I have been with many team-mates — Mansell, Alesi, Alboreto — and with them I could always compete," Berger says. "With Senna it was a completely different story. He was another step. I do not know anyone in motor racing who kept the same level as him.

"The guys who have never driven with him think they can do the same but I thought that too when I went to McLaren. I wouldn't have signed if I had known how quick, how good, that guy was.

"Alesi, for instance, may be as quick as Senna, but this was not what Senna was about. His talent was 100 per cent, his brain was 100 per cent, his forward-looking was 100 per cent, his confidence was 100 per cent, and his technical understanding was 100 per cent. In everything he was there. The guy had some special sensors that none of the others had. I don't know about Jim Clark and the older guys but, in my ten years, Senna was the best."



Team-mates at McLaren in 1992, Berger, left, considered retiring after the death of Senna

Taylor's decline clouds future

By Phil Yates

DENNIS Taylor, who has slipped to 33rd in the provisional world rankings, the lowest standing of his career, after three barren seasons, said yesterday he is considering retirement from competitive snooker should his status decline much further.

Taylor, the 1985 world champion, described himself as being at "the crossroads" after a hard-fought but unconvincing 9-7 victory over Wayne Jones in the first round of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom championship at Preston Guild Hall.

Although Taylor remains one of the game's most easily recognisable figures, he is encountering a number of technical problems, with more and more body movement evident as he delivers the cue.

A summariser with the BBC snooker commentary team and much sought after for exhibitions, he is undecided about which path to take. "I'm in a catch-22 situation because I'm thinking about television and promotional work. Alongside that I would still like to stay in the top flight for as long as I can," he said.

If Taylor is to beat Peter Ebdon, his next opponent, and reach the last 16 he will require a vastly-improved performance to the one he produced when losing 5-1 to Ebdon at the corresponding stage of the Dubai Classic five weeks ago.

Ebdon, whose main intent is to prove that his subsequent run to the final in Dubai was not an isolated success, became the first player to compile two century breaks in a match at the event during his 9-3 victory over Karl Payne, of Birmingham. Leading 6-2 overnight, Ebdon, who had compiled a 115 break in the opening session, added further runs of 53, 55 and 101 yesterday. Ebdon won nine of the last ten frames.

Although he must have expected a tougher test from Joe Perry, the surprise conqueror of Cliff Thorburn in the final qualifying round, Joe Swail comfortably progressed with a 9-4 win.

RESULTS: First round: P Ebdon (Eng) bt K Payne (Eng) 9-3; D O'Kane (NZ) bt E Henderson (Scot) 9-6; D Taylor (N Ire) bt W Jones (Wales) 9-7; J Swail (N Ire) bt J Parry (Eng) 9-4. Latest positions: J Ferguson (Eng) leads C Small (Scot) 5-3; K Doherty (Rep of Ire) leads R Lawler (Eng) 5-3, N Terry (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng) 5-3, W Thorne (Eng) leads C MacGillivray (Scot) 5-3

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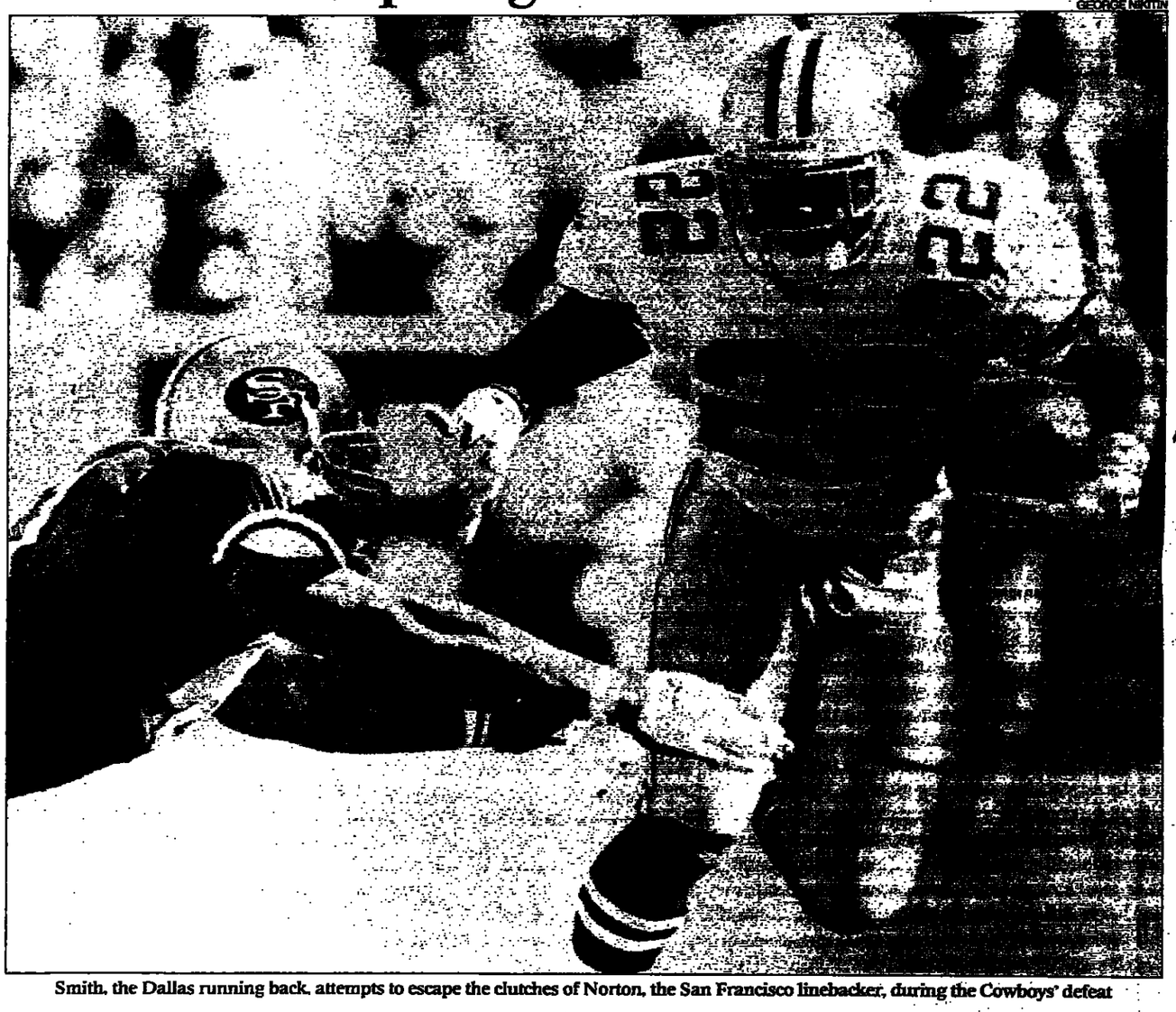
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Bledsoe's best steals spotlight from San Francisco

By Robert Kirley

GEORGE NIKITIN



Smith, the Dallas running back, attempts to escape the clutches of Norton, the San Francisco linebacker, during the Cowboys' defeat

THE "game of the year" in the National Football League fizzled a bit on Sunday, thanks primarily to San Francisco's excellent defensive effort against Dallas, but Drew Bledsoe, of the New England Patriots, sizzled in a 26-20 overtime win against the Minnesota Vikings.

San Francisco beat Dallas 21-14 after capitalising on three interceptions thrown by Troy Aikman. The 49ers did not turn over the ball and the result left the clubs with records of eight wins and two defeats. Dallas have won the past two Super Bowls after beating San Francisco in the National Conference final.

Bledsoe, the second-year New England quarterback, not only put on the greatest passing performance in club history, he set league records for passing attempts (70) and completions (45). He threw a 14-yard scoring pass to an unsuspecting Kevin Turner four minutes into overtime to provide the victory.

"I wasn't expecting the ball," Turner said. "The situation we were in, I thought we were going to set up a field goal. We caught them at the right time and just where we wanted them. They weren't expecting it at all."

Bledsoe's passing helped the Patriots to overcome a 20-0 deficit in the first half. He threw for 426 yards, eclipsing his own single-game record of 421, set against Miami in the season opener.

"It is more fun as a quarterback if you can drop back and throw a little bit, but I don't know if you want to throw it 70 times," he said. "That's a lot of heaves. It worked well for us today."

Richard Todd, formerly of the New York Jets, held the previous record for completions with 42, set against San Francisco in 1980. George Blanda, formerly of the Houston Oilers, held the record for attempts with 68, set against Buffalo in 1964.

Bledsoe's decisive pass to Turner capped the opening series of overtime, a nine-play, 66-yard march, during which Bledsoe completed six of six passes for 56 yards. He was 37 for 53 for 354 yards and three touchdowns in the second half and overtime alone. His 31-yard scoring pass to Ray Crittenden on the first drive of the third quarter brought the Patriots to within 20-10.

New England climbed to within 20-17 on Bledsoe's five-yard scoring toss to Leroy Thompson, who finished with 11 catches for 74 yards. Michael Timpson had ten receptions for 113 yards and Ben Coates caught ten passes for 74 yards.

New England levelled the scores on Matt Bahr's 23-yard field goal with 14 seconds left in regulation time. Bledsoe directed the Patriots 56 yards in 12 plays to the tying score and hit Vincent Brisby for a 25-yard gain on four down and ten to the Minnesota 36-yard line.

Warren Moon, of the Vikings, completed 26 of 42 passes for 349 yards and combined with Bledsoe to break league records for combined attempts (112) and completions (71). Neither quarterback threw an interception and Moon was sacked once. The Vikings, who had their four-game winning sequence stopped, dominated the first half, outgaining the Patriots 286 yards to 89. Moon made 14 of 23 passes for 234 yards in the first half, including a 65-yard touchdown pass to Qadry Ismail.

Dennis Green, the Minnesota coach, said: "I think the big thing that hurt us was that we had some dropped balls, particularly some crucial ones in the fourth quarter."

In Detroit, Barry Sanders ran for 237 yards, the best performance in the league this season, to lead the Detroit Lions to a 14-9 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Sanders had 200 yards on 16 carries in the second half, including 117 in the third quarter to set up two touchdowns. Walter Payton, formerly of the Chicago Bears, ran for a record 275 yards against the Minnesota Vikings in 1977 to set the one-game yardage record. Sanders's effort ranks as the sixth best in league history.

Derrick Moore scored on a one-yard run in the second half to give the Lions a 7-3 lead. He caught a nine-yard pass from Dave Krieg for the other Detroit touchdown.

RESULTS: Week 11: Atlanta 10 NY Giants 9; New Orleans 38 Atlanta 32; Chicago 17 Miami 14; Cleveland 28 Philadelphia 7; Cincinnati 34 Houston 31; New England 26 Minnesota 20 (OT); San Diego 14 Kansas City 13; San Francisco 21 Dallas 14; LA Raiders 20 LA Rams 17; Green Bay 17 NY Jets 10; Denver 17 Seattle 10; Detroit 14 Tampa Bay 9.

American Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	7	3	239	187
Buffalo*	5	4	195	176
NY Jets	5	5	173	184
Indianapolis	4	6	216	233
New England	4	6	210	239
Central division				
Cleveland	8	2	219	118
Pittsburgh*	6	3	153	146
Cincinnati	2	8	175	257
Houston	1	9	147	216
West division				
San Diego	8	2	243	164
Kansas City	6	4	195	192
LA Raiders	5	6	208	222
Denver	4	6	220	243
Seattle	3	7	195	196

* does not include game played last night

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas	8	2	282	141
Philadelphia	7	3	216	174
Arizona	4	6	125	188
NY Giants	3	7	171	220
Washington	2	8	220	279
Central division				
Minnesota	7	3	224	164
Green Bay	6	4	206	143
Chicago	6	4	172	182
Detroit	5	5	199	217
Tampa Bay	2	8	124	229
West division				
San Francisco	8	2	295	186
Atlanta	5	5	200	226
New Orleans	4	6	209	261
LA Rams	4	6	179	197

FIXTURES: Week 12: Sunday: Cleveland at Kansas City; Detroit at Chicago; Green Bay at Buffalo; Indianapolis at Cincinnati; Miami at Pittsburgh; San Diego at New England; Washington at Dallas; Atlanta at Denver; New Orleans at LA Raiders; NY Jets at Minnesota; Philadelphia at Arizona; Tampa Bay at Seattle; LA Rams at San Francisco. Monday: NY Giants at Houston.

Navratilova's finale begins in New York

THE final tournament of Martina Navratilova's astonishing career began last night at Madison Square Garden in New York. After dominating women's tennis since the Seventies, when she burst on to the world stage from the relative obscurity of Czechoslovakia, the Virginia Slims Championship will mark the end of an era in the game in which Navratilova, now 38, was the dominant player and personality.

In addition to her huge collection of grand slam singles and doubles titles, most notably at Wimbledon, Navratilova has won seven singles and 11 doubles tournaments on Madison Square Garden's carpet courts. On four other occasions, she reached singles finals there.

It is a record of success that will be honoured tonight after her first-round singles match against Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, when a banner bearing her name will be raised to the ceiling of the arena, where it will join the retired numbers for favourite New York Knicks and New York Rangers basketball and ice hockey players.

Steffi Graf, of Germany, is the No 1 seed, but Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the world No 2 from Spain, who has been in impressive form recently, is the favourite to the win the event.

☐ Anke Huber, of Germany, beat Mary Pierce, of the United States, 6-0, 6-7, 7-5 to claim the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia title on Sunday night, despite a brave recovery from Pierce in the final set in which she pulled back from 0-4 to 5-5, saving three match points in the process.

Agassi answers cry for challenger

From Stuart Jones
Tennis Correspondent
in Frankfurt

A CRY, uttered throughout the year, has been answered more swiftly than anyone could have predicted. The genuine rivalry needed to disturb the increasingly stagnant predictability at the top of men's tennis has developed in time to decorate the climax of the season.

The final of the ATP Tour world championship, which opens here today and concludes on Sunday, should feature Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi. The Americans, of such contrasting natures and styles, are ranked respectively No 1 and No 2 and seeded first and second.

Sampras was so crushingly dominant in the first half of the year, during which he captured the Australian Open and retained the Wimbledon title, that he established an unprecedented lead in the rankings.

During his prolonged demonstration of apparent omnipotence, Agassi was dropping out of consideration as a possible contender, recuperating from wrist surgery during a five-month lay-off. In March his spectacular recovery began. With the assistance of Brad Gilbert, a player who had contrastingly made the most of limited ability, he defeated Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg (two of the entrants here, coincidentally), on his way to the final at Key Biscayne. There he could have claimed the title by default.

Instead he agreed to delay the match for more than an hour to allow Sampras time to recover from a stomach complaint. Agassi, though defeated after his sporting gesture, collected sufficient conviction to launch a comeback which has since gained even greater momentum.

He won the Canadian Open and the US Open before resting for five weeks. He returned to take the titles in Vienna and Paris where he overcame Sampras in straight sets. In his last 20 matches, he has succumbed only to Goran Ivanisevic in Stockholm.

Sampras, hampered by foot and leg injuries, responded to his own recent adversities and to the threat posed by his fellow countryman by retaining the title at Antwerp on Sunday. Thus, they have both arrived here in prime condition for their prospective showdown in the Festhalle.

Agassi starts this evening against Alberto Berasategui, the outsider, and will then take on Sergi Bruguera, the French Open champion, and Michael Chang. "If I continue to play like I have," Agassi, the 1990 champion, pronounced yesterday, "I fancy my chances of beating anyone."

Sampras opens tomorrow against Edberg, the winner in 1989 and the longest active member of the world's elite. The other qualifiers in the powerful quartet are Becker and Ivanisevic, who meet this afternoon.

DRAW: White group: P Sampras, G Ivanisevic, B Becker, S Edberg. Red group: A Agassi, S Bruguera, M Chang, A Berasategui. Today's matches: Bruguera v Chang; Becker v Ivanisevic; Agassi v Berasategui.



Monsieur Le Cure on duty at Haydock

By Julian Muscat

MONSIEUR Le Cure, last season's leading novice chaser, is expected to tackle handicap company for the first time in the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase at Haydock tomorrow.

The eight-year-old gelding has been entered for the First National Bank Gold Cup Chase at Ascot on Saturday, but his trainer, John Edwards, yesterday cited the Haydock race as his preferred port of call. The three-mile trip is more suitable and the participation of Rum For Free means Monsieur Le Cure will not be burdened with top weight.

In receipt of 2lb from the Martin Pipe-trained horse, Monsieur Le Cure will concede a maximum of 19lb to horses at the foot of this limited handicap. "Basically, I just want to get a race into him," Edwards explained yesterday. "The horse is absolutely fine although he may need the race. It's hard to tell, but there's no way he'll be at peak fitness for his first outing in eight months."

Edwards is mindful of the gathering interest in Monsieur Le Cure as a potential Cheltenham Gold Cup winner. His charge completed the sweep of novice events at Cheltenham and Aintree last season, a feat rarely accomplished on account of the difference in character between the two courses.

"The distance of the Ascot race [just short of 2½ miles] would not worry me but my intention is to run at Haydock," Edwards said, "but first I'll talk to the owner. We've got to start somewhere and the Haydock race looks as good a place as any."

Later targets for Monsieur Le Cure include the Durkan Chase at Punchestown on Saturday week, followed by a tilt at the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing day. "There are no specific plans for him," the trainer said. "We'll take it as it comes but first he has to prove he is capable of performing well against established chasers. Too many people seem to be taking that for granted."

Monsieur Le Cure's absence from the Ascot showpiece hardly lessens its impact. Lord Relic, trained by Martin Pipe, is expected to use the event as a stepping stone to the Hennessy, for which he was backed down to 16-1 over the weekend. Also bound for the Berkshire course is Nakir, the Arkle Chase winner. His trainer, Simon Christian, has warned would-be supporters that Nakir will almost certainly be short of his best after a summer out at grass.

Nicky Henderson could be doubly represented if Thumbs Up and Raymylette please him on the Lambourn gallops this morning. "Both are intended runners but I will talk to their respective owners before making a firm commitment," Henderson said yesterday. "Thumbs Up, who has already had a preparatory outing, should be suited by the race. Raymylette is in great form and just about ready to go."

Henderson also plans to give his Grand National hope, Windy Ways, some experience of Aintree's unique obstacles in the Becher Chase at the course on Saturday, when he would clash with last year's winner, Indian Tonic. "We sent him up for the National last year and brought him straight home again when it rained," Henderson recalled. "He must have good ground or he's no use to anybody."

Other Grand National candidates entered at Aintree include Into The Red and Moorcroft Boy, third in April's renewal but also entered against Monsieur Le Cure at Haydock tomorrow.

Docklands Express, recently second to Dubacilla at Sandown, is another suited by decent ground, and may be given his chance in the Aintree race after his third place over the formidable fences at Merano in Italy in September.

The veteran's trainer, Kim Bailey, also has the 12-year-old entered at Ascot, along with Whispering Steel, a chaser of potential who has recently joined him from Gordon Richards's stable. "A decision on Whispering Steel's participation will be made after he has worked tomorrow," Bailey cautioned. "I've been very pleased with what I've seen of him in six weeks, but he may miss Ascot for a race at Newbury next week."

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MARTIN LYNCH



Monsieur Le Cure tackles handicap company for the first time in the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase

IN BRIEF

Roseberry chosen to captain Durham

MIKE Roseberry will captain Durham next cricket season after rejecting Middlesex's offer of a new contract. The batsman, born in Sunderland, decided to sever his ten-year association with Middlesex to take up the offer from his native county to replace Phil Bainbridge.

Roseberry, 27, made his county debut for Middlesex in 1986, was capped in 1990 and toured Australia with England A after scoring more than 2,000 runs in the 1992 season. He will have John Morris, the former Derbyshire batsman, as his vice-captain.

"I have always been ambitious," Roseberry said. "I did not fall out with anyone at Middlesex. I have a lot of friends there and I won things with them. It wasn't easy to leave, but the chance to captain my home county was something I could not refuse."

Format changed

EQUESTRIANISM: The format for the three-day event at the Olympic Games at Atlanta in 1996 has been changed to allow for the horses' welfare. After research into the effects of heat and humidity on competition horses, the International Equestrian Federation, the sport's world governing body, has made the steeplechase and cross-country phases shorter, with fewer obstacles.

Phase C (road and tracks) will be shortened and a ten-minute break introduced, and the normal ten-minute break before the cross-country will be extended to 15 minutes. An acclimatisation period of at least three weeks for horses in each of the Olympic disciplines — three-day-event, show jumping and dressage — will be imposed.

Trower fêted

COACH OF THE YEAR: John Trower, the coach of the European javelin champion, Steve Backley, and Betty Callaway, the Olympic ice skating coach best known for her work with Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, were respectively named male and female coaches of the year yesterday.

Other winners of the National Coaching Foundation awards were: Liz Broomhead (England netball coach), female team category; Stephen Gunn (GB coxless four rowing), male team; Steve Pullen (GB blind judo team), disabled; Louise Kingsley (GB junior women's rowing team), juniors; Jack Sutherland (football and athletics), schools; and Alan Luke (national short-track speed skating), outstanding contribution.

O'Hagan shines

REAL TENNIS: Nigel O'Hagan played the best real tennis of his life to qualify, against the odds, for the British Land British Open Championship at Hampton Court. O'Hagan who plays off a 14 handicap, scored three extraordinary victories, defeating the ultra-consistent John Ward for the loss of only three games and then putting out two highly-rated professionals, Alan Oliver and Kevin King, in three sets each.

Jackson ahead

ATHLETICS: Colin Jackson, from Cardiff, the European and Commonwealth champion at 110 metres hurdles, was yesterday named Panasonic sports personality of the year. Jackson, who was unbeaten at his speciality this year, received his award from the Princess Royal at the Café Royal in London. He was awarded 20 one-kilogram gold bars earlier in the year for winning at each of the "golden four" IAAF Grand Prix meetings, at Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin.

Tigers face Bears

BASKETBALL: Thames Valley Tigers, the League Trophy holders, face a repeat of the 1993 semi-final against Worthing Bears after the draw, made yesterday, for the later stages of what is now the 7-Up Trophy. Tigers, who won 177-172 on aggregate 12 months ago, travel to the South Coast for the first leg on December 7 and stage the return in Bracknell a week later. The other semi-final pits Sheffield Sharks against Doncaster Panthers.

England expects

TABLE TENNIS: England can reach the semi-finals of the super division of the European Women's League tonight if they beat Holland at Middelburg. If they lose, however, they must play in the relegation play-offs. Lisa Lomas, from Luton, will lead the England side, supported by Andrea Holt, from Lancashire, and Alison Gordon, from Berkshire.

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101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

1.10 UFTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,652: 2m) (8 runners)

101 31/2FF4- SECOND CALL 246 (D,F,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 5-11-10 .... R Farrant 91
102 63012-9 ROSGILL 20 (D,F,S) (Brigadier Racing) J White 8-11-4 .... J Railton
103 404361- DRIVING FORCE 169 (D,F,G,S) (B Reid) Mrs M McCourt 8-11-1 .... G McCourt 90
104 23124/4- PRINCE TINO 395 (D,F) (J L Racing 2) N Gaselee 6-10-13 .... J Osborne 88
105 3-U1326 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 14 (D,F,G) (Miss A Broyd) Miss A Broyd 6-10-6 .... M A Fitzgerald 96
106 U5631-F HECTOR MARIO 13 (F) (R McAlpine) J Edwards 5-10-0 .... N Williamson 96
107 00P-050 MASTER OF THE ROCK 48 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Adams) J Mackie 5-10-0 .... T Eley (3) 80
108 8/P0U0-R DEE EM AITCH 12 (Mrs D Hickman) C Hemsley 5-10-0 .... R Williamson (7) —

Long handicap: Master Of The Rock 8-8, Dee Em Aitch 7-12.

BETTING: 5-2 Rosgill, 4-1 Hector Mario, Second Call, 5-1 Driving Force, 6-1 Prince Tino, Ambassador Royale, 20-1 Master Of The Rock, 66-1 Dee Em Aitch.

1993: BOTTLES 6-11-10 S Keightley (11-2) J Banks 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SECOND CALL 14l 4th of 8 to Shamshom Al Arab in amateurs handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). ROSGILL 17l 8th of 13 to Hawaiian Youth in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good). DRIVING FORCE beat Clares Own 2l in 6-runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to firm). PRINCE TINO 8¼l 4th of 6 to Seymore in handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good). AMBASSADOR ROYALE 7l 2nd of 11 to The Caumrue in handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, soft) on penultimate start. HECTOR MARIO beat Flintlock 2½l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: ROSGILL

1.40 SHIRLEY NOVICES CHASE (£3,392: 2m) (4 runners)

201 P3-5 CROPREDY LAD 13 (F) (P Oldfield) J Webber 7-10-12 .... G McCourt
202 40/1520- GOTTA BE JOKING 230 (G) (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) Miss H Knight 6-10-12 .... J Osborne —
203 432100- PONTYNYSWEN 178 (G,S) (J Thomas) D Burchell 6-10-12 .... D J Burchell —
204 326200- COUNTERBALANCE 182 (Only Fools Syndicate) J McConnochie 7-10-7 .... J J Brown (7) —

BETTING: 4-7 Pontynyswen, 7-2 Gotta Be Joking, 6-1 Cropredy Lad, 10-1 Counterbalance.

1993: PERSIAN SWORD 7-10-12 A Maguire (12-1) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CROPREDY LAD about 16l 5th of 7 to Petmer in novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m, good). GOTTA BE JOKING 15l 2nd of 8 to Dreams End in novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, soft) on penultimate start. PONTYNYSWEN best effort last season when beating Ashfield Boy 2l in 3-runner handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, soft). COUNTERBALANCE best effort last season when 3l 2nd of 14 to Calmos in hurdle at Clonmel (3m, heavy).
Selection: PONTYNYSWEN

2.10 HARBURY CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,918: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

301 10000-1 DOUALAGO 29 (B,F,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 4-11-2 .... J Lower 97
302 0PP0U- BOSSYMOSS 178 (Mrs M James) R Emery 5-10-12 .... P Ward (7) —
303 221220 ERICOLIN 8 (F,G,S) (Gotoley Marble Ltd) N Tinkler 4-10-12 .... G McCourt
304 060101- TOUCH SILVER 319 (S) (H Manners) H Manners 4-10-12 .... M Appleby (7) 98
305 000-P CALL HER A STAR 19 (P Fowle) P Murphy 4-10-7 .... R Farrant —

BETTING: 5-4 Doualago, 2-1 Touch Silver, 9-4 Ericolin, 25-1 Bossymoss, Call Her A Star.

1993: OUR SLIMBRIDGE 5-11-10 A Carroll (2-1 fav) C Williams 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUALAGO beat Dominion Treasure 3l in 9-runner selling handicap hurdle at Hereford (3m 2f, firm). BOSSYMOSS 45l 14th of 19 to Going Public in novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, firm) on penultimate start. ERICOLIN 13l 2nd of 8 to Va Lute in lady riders' claiming hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. TOUCH SILVER beat Tyrone Doon In 15l in 11-runner selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy). CALL HER STAR pulled up before last behind Celtino in 17-runner novice hurdle here (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: DOUALAGO

2.40 ETHELFLEDA'S MOUNT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,744: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)

401 511110- ALL FOR LUCK 202 (D,G,S) (B Craig) M Pipe 9-11-11 .... J Lower
402 1F3P-22 ANDERMATT 13 (D,BF,S) (The Marston Sept) J Mackie 7-10-12 .... N Williamson 91
403 PU53-U3 SCOLE 10 (G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-10-5 .... Richard Guest —
404 3UP250- PERSIAN SWORD 192 (C,S) (P Hepworth) D Nicholson 8-10-2 .... W Marston 97

BETTING: 6-4 All For Luck, 2-1 Andermatt, 5-2 Persian Sword, 8-1 Scole.

1993: SHEER ABILITY 7-10-8 A Maguire (100-30) C Mann 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALL FOR LUCK best effort last season when beating Ketti dist in 10-runner amateurs' novice handicap chase at Aintree (2m 4f, heavy). ANDERMATT 2¾l 2nd of 8 to Dont Tell The Wife in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good). SCOLE dist 3rd of 5 to Glemot in handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). PERSIAN SWORD best effort last season when 2l 2nd of 7 to Errant Knight in handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good).
Selection: ALL FOR LUCK

3.10 SHIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,822: 3m 2f) (7 runners)

501 50P4-43 SIBTON ABBEY 10 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-11-12 .... Richard Guest —
502 PSUU-4P ROCKTOR 12 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Watkinson-Yull) P Nicholls 9-10-10 .... C Maude 94
503 5350-D1 WILLSFORD 17 (CD,G,S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-8 .... W Marston 98
504 521U20- RUFUS 213 (B,D,S) (Mrs D Coleman) B Smart 8-10-6 .... L Harvey 92
505 0P111-2 WARNER FOR WINNERS 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (T Warner) P Hobbs 8-10-6 .... N Williamson
506 113143/ TRAVELLING WRONG 608 (S) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 8-10-5 .... M A Fitzgerald —
507 1P45-41 TAMMY'S FRIEND 26 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs J Mayo) C Mann 7-10-0 .... J Osborne 97

Long handicap: Tammy's Friend 9-11.

☐ Rufus runs only if Newton Abbot is abandoned

BETTING: 5-2 Willsford, 3-1 Warner For Winners, 9-2 Sibton Abbey, 6-1 Tammy's Friend, Travelling Wrong, 8-1 Rufus, 16-1 Rocktor

1993: MERE CLASS 7-11-4 G Bradley (6-5 fav) C Brooks 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SIBTON ABBEY dist 3rd of 4 to Dubacilla in handicap at Sandown (3m 110yd, good to soft). ROCKTOR 5¼l 4th of 6 to Gold Cap in handicap chase at Chepstow (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start. WILLSFORD beat Native Pride 5l in 8-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good). RUFUS best effort last season when beating Saravilie 10l in 4-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft). WARNER FOR WINNERS 1¾l 2nd of 11 to Lo Stregone in amateurs handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm). TRAVELLING WRONG short head and 1l 3rd of 13 to Ushers Island in amateurs novice chase at Cheltenham (4m, good to firm) in March 1993. TAMMY'S FRIEND beat Bonsai Bud 10l in 5-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, firm).
Selection: WILLSFORD (nap)

3.40 ASHORNE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,443: 2m) (23 runners)

601 140-451 ENCORE UN PEU 14 (G,S) (V Nally) M Pipe 7-11-5 .... J Lower 86
602 0046- ACANTHUS 235F (J Wilcox) Miss S Wilton 4-10-12 .... T Wall 90
603 6/P BARBARY REEF 19 (H Manners) H Manners 6-10-12 .... Mr G Brown —
604 05- BOLD ACRE 21F (Mrs M Morgan) D Burchell 4-10-12 .... D J Burchell 76
605 0 COALISLAND 11 (P McKernan) R Ingram 4-10-12 .... B Johnson —
606 DO RIGHTLY (J Fitzpatrick) M Bradstock 5-10-12 .... Richard Guest —
607 1/5/650- FOURTH IN LINE 200 (S) (Mrs G Jenkinson) J Edwards 6-10-12 .... N Williamson 80
608 HE FLIES BY NIGHT (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 5-10-12 .... G Upton —
609 400/6-2 HOLIDAY ISLAND 19 (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-10-12 .... S Ryan (7)
610 4 JACK THE TD 13 (Mrs L Taylor) Mrs L Taylor 5-10-12 .... P Ward (7) 78
611 6-0 KING'S CROSS 25 (N Harvey) A J Wilson 5-10-12 .... D Leahy (3) —
612 P- MOGWAI 35F (The Spool Racing Team) M Meade 5-10-12 .... J Railton —
613 4-2 MOUSE BIRD 14 (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 4-10-12 .... P Holley 83
614 00- MUTUAL MEMORIES 189 (Tilby Wright Pines) N Henderson 6-10-12 .... M A Fitzgerald —
615 200-0FR PETTAUGH 20 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 6-10-12 .... G Bazin (7) 69
616 0- PRINCE RODNEY 141F (Mrs B Bosley) C Drewe 5-10-12 .... S Curran (5) —
617 QUELQUE CHOSE 8F (The Three Bears Racing) B Meehan 4-10-12 .... W Marston —
618 RED WHIRLWIND 45F (O Flynn) B McMath 4-10-12 .... N Mann —
619 TIGHT FIST 134F (Mrs A Davis) Miss H Knight 4-10-12 .... J Osborne —
620 VILLAGE GREEN 10F (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-10-12 .... D O'Sullivan —
621 P VINTAGE RED 24 (Special Reserve Racing) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-12 .... W Humphreys —
622 00-0 TAMANDU 25 (R Shaw) C James 4-10-7 .... S McNeill —
623 P- TANDEM 278 (Mrs D Henderson) N Henderson 6-10-7 .... Pat Thompson (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Holiday Island, 3-1 Encore Un Peu, 5-1 Mouse Bird, 8-1 Acanthus, Jack The Td, 10-1 Tight Fist, 12-1 Mutual Memories, 16-1 Prince Rodney, 20-1 others

1993: WINNOWING 5-11-0 J Osborne (5-1) D Sherwood 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

ENCORE UN PEU beat MOUSE BIRD (7lb better off) 10l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good). ACANTHUS 12l 6th of 13 to Smith Too in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good) in March. BOLD ACRE 27¾l 5th of 10 to Hyde's Happy Hour in novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft) last November. HOLIDAY ISLAND 2¾l 2nd of 17 to Celtino in novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good) with BARBARY REEF tailed off when pulled up before 2 out. VILLAGE GREEN 5¾l 5th of 21 to Press The Bell in handicap at Doncaster (5f, soft). TAMANDU 17l 9th of 25 to Sexton Grey in National Hunt flat race at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) with KING'S CROSS (3lb worse off) 3l 13th.
Selection: HOLIDAY ISLAND

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Gaselee	8	30	26.7	R Dunwoody	37	114	32.5
M Pipe	29	112	25.9	J Kavanagh	3	12	25.0
D Nicholson	22	86	25.6	N Williamson	8	40	20.0
N Henderson	11	48	22.9	Richard Guest	6	30	20.0
S Christian	5	23	21.7	J Osborne	11	76	14.5
Miss H Knight	4	23	17.4	G McCourt	6	43	14.0

WETHERBY

THUNDERER
1.00 Top Cees. 1.30 Belstone Fox. 2.00 Malawi. 2.30 Gallateen. 3.00 Scotton Banks. 3.30 GOLDEN HELLO (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 GOLDEN HELLO.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

1.00 INTERNATIONAL SPINAL RESEARCH TRUST NOVICES HURDLE (£2,784: 2m) (24 runners)

1 00-1 SOLAR NOVA 19 (G) I Park 6-10-13 .... N Smith 78
2 6 ANTARTICTERN 19 N Tinkler 4-10-12 .... E Husband (5) 79
3 34/ BLANC SEING 676 (B) J Swiers 7-10-12 .... Mr S Swiers —
4 40 COOL JAMES 10 M Barnes 5-10-12 .... G Cahill (7) —
5 42P- COOL LUKE 15F G Moore 5-10-12 .... J Callaghan 94
6 P-00 CRYSTAL MINSTREL 11 M W Easterby 8-10-12 .... J Driscoll (7) 69
7 626- FLOATING LINE 57F P Wigham 6-10-12 .... A Maguire
8 33 GALLARDINI 11 B Rothwell 5-10-12 .... R Supple 97
9 0-P0 HEDDON HAUGH 11 P Cheesbrough 6-10-12 .... K Johnson —
10 KINGDOM OF SHADES 29F A Turnell 4-10-12 .... S McNeill —
11 LACONIC HENRY 141F L Lungo 4-10-12 .... T Reed —
12 102- LIEN DE FAMILLE 223 (S) J Quinn 4-10-12 .... M Dwyer —
13 MAHOOL 80F J Eyre 5-10-12 .... R Campbell —
14 0- ROBERTY LEA 10F Mrs M Reveley 6-10-12 .... P Niven —
15 0- RUTH'S BOY 349 R Fahey 5-10-12 .... K Davies —
16 0P00 SIDNEY SMITH 13 (B) A Bailey 6-10-12 .... T Kent —
17 50- TAAHHUB 414 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-12 .... D Bridgwater —
18 5 THORNTON GATE 13 M H Easterby 5-10-12 .... L Wyer 95
19 TOP CEES 39F Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-12 .... R Garritty —
20 0-63 VAL DE RAMA 35 Denys Smith 5-10-12 .... B Storey 98
21 0-00 VAN DER GRASS 13 M Barnes 5-10-12 .... A Dobbin 65
22 F0 COLFAX STARLIGHT 4 P Blockley 4-10-7 .... P Midgley (3) —
23 202- GOLDMIRE 204 W Tinning 4-10-7 .... S Turner 92
24 P- ROSINA MAE 94F Mrs J Ramsden 5-10-7 .... R Hodge —

4-1 Top Cees, 5-1 Solar Nova, 6-1 Cool Luke, 7-1 Thornton Gate, 8-1 Roberty Lea, Floating Line, 10-1 Lien De Famille, 12-1 others.

1.30 YORKSHIRE EQUINE VETS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,300: 2m) (3)

1 /1-1 BELSTONE FOX 19 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 9-11-10 .... A Maguire 93
2 P-12 BORO SMACKEROO 18 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 9-11-5 .... D Bridgwater 98
3 633- GREEK FLUTTER 174 (D,G,S) J Fitzgerald 9-10-10 .... M Dwyer

Evens Belstone Fox, 2-1 Boro Smackeroo, 3-1 Greek Flutter.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Turnell, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 4 from 11, 36.4%; D Nicholson, 11 from 33, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 36 from 131, 27.5%; M Barnes, 3 from 12, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: S McNeill, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; G Tormey, 3 from 10, 30.0%; A Maguire, 14 from 56, 25.0%; L Wyer, 29 from 127, 22.8%; P Niven, 36 from 164, 22.0%; D Bentley, 5 from 31, 16.1%.

2.00 BERMUDA CONFERENCE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,807: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 -221 CALL MY GUEST 8 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-12-7 (7ex) .... E Callaghan (7) 87
2 -122 MASTER TOBY 33 (D,G) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-7 .... K Brown (7) 84
3 -823 MALAWI 18 W Bethell 4-11-6 .... F Leahy (3) 87
4 -414 IRISH FLASHER 38 (B,D,BF,F) J Jefferson 7-11-0 .... M Newton (7) 90
5 330- FIVE FLAGS 189 (G) Mrs S Smith 6-10-11 .... R Wilkinson (7) 96
6 0P50 PIMSBOY 4 (V) P Blockley 7-10-8 .... P Goold (7) 86
7 -P33 TROPNEVAD 11 (V) J Jefferson 6-10-4 .... G Tormey (5) 87
8 P/0 WAYLON 13 J J O'Neill 5-10-0 .... A Roche
9 PU-3 MANOR RANGER 17 J Curtis 8-10-0 .... A Larnach —

3-1 Call My Guest, 7-2 Master Toby, 5-1 Malawi, 6-1 Irish Flasher, 8-1 Five Flags, 10-1 Tropnevad, 12-1 Manor Ranger, 14-1 others.

2.30 SEAFOOD AND QUARRY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,094: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 611- PADAVENTURE 347 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 .... P Niven 93
2 1P2- GALLATEEN 213 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 6-11-13 .... A Dobbin 86
3 /32 DANCING RIVER 11 (D,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 8-11-7 .... M Dwyer 90
4 U1-2 STRONG SOUND 17 (CD,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-10-11 .... K Johnson
5 30-3 PRINCE YAZA 17 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Curtis 7-10-11 .... L O'Hara 93
6 121- VALIANT WARRIOR 377 (D,F,G) M Hammond 6-10-9 .... D Bentley (3) 88
7 -422 ZAM BEE 13 (D,F,G,S) W Reed 8-10-1 .... B Storey 89

11-4 Strong Sound, 7-2 Gallateen, 4-1 Padaventure, 5-1 Dancing River, 7-1 Prince Yaza, 8-1 Zam Bee, 10-1 Valiant Warrior.

3.00 LES EYRE OWNERS NOVICES CHASE (£3,600: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 2P-1 BAY MISCHIEF 24 (F,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 .... D Bridgwater 92
2 0U4- AMADEUS 375 M Hammond 6-11-0 .... D Bentley (3) 74
3 COOL WEATHER P Cheesbrough 6-11-0 .... M Dwyer —
4 00-P MILEY PIKE 17 Mrs K Tutty 7-11-0 .... Mr N Tutty —
5 612/ THE SHADE MATCHER 984 (S) G Richards 8-11-0 .... A Dobbin —
6 P2-4 VULPIN DE LAUGERE 13 Mrs S Bramall 7-11-0 .... J Burke (3)
7 1P5- SCOTTON BANKS 239 (G,S) M H Easterby 5-10-12 .... L Wyer —

7-4 Bay Mischief, 5-2 Scotton Banks, 9-2 The Shade Matcher, 7-1 others.

3.30 TARGET YEAR 2000 JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,448: 2m) (12)

1 212 MEMORABLE 15F (G) J Hetherton 11-5 .... D Byrne 88
2 1 ROYAL CREST 87 (F) M Camacho 11-5 .... M Dwyer 87
3 41 ZAITOON 17 (D,G) D Nicholson 11-5 .... A Maguire 79
4 DECENT COVE 32F Mrs J Ramsden 10-12 .... R Garritty —
5 EFAAD 15F J Norton 10-12 .... O Pears —
6 2 GOLDEN HELLO 17 M H Easterby 10-12 .... L Wyer
7 0 JACK LEADER 34 M Hammond 10-12 .... D Bentley (3) 78
8 LOMOND MIST 60F J Johnson 10-12 .... D Bridgwater —
9 MINSTER GLORY M W Easterby 10-12 .... P Niven —
10 5 PLEASURE TRICK 17 N Tinkler 10-12 .... E Husband (5) 61
11 AUNTIE FAY 379F B Rothwell 10-7 .... R Supple —
12 RAMBOLLINA 43F M W Easterby 10-7 .... J Driscoll (7) —

2-1 Golden Hello, 7-2 Zaitoon, 9-2 Royal Crest, 6-1 Memorable, 8-1 Pleasure Trick, 10-1 Decent Cove, 14-1 others.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
12.50 Sirka. 1.20 And Why Not. 1.50 Kabayil. 2.20 Pop Song. 2.50 Irkutsk. 3.20 Galagames. 3.50 Ballyea Boy.

GOING: HEAVY — SIS

12.50 NEWTON ABBOT ANNUAL MEMBERS SELLING HURDLE (£1,931: 2m 1f) (15 runners)

1 44P- MILDRED SOPHIA 172 (CD,S) N Mitchell 7-11-13 .... Miss S Mitchell (7)
2 5/P CRYSTAL CONE 5 (S) A Forte 8-11-6 .... B Powell
3 0/ GOOD FOR THE ROSES 115F (C,S) Mrs S Williams 8-11-6 .... A P McCoy (5)
4 0P1/ NAMASTE 8F (G) R Hoad 6-11-6 .... M Richards
5 166/ DAILY SPORT GIRL 584 (G) B Llewellyn 5-11-1 .... Mr J L Llewellyn (5)
6 P2- FAR RUN 213P W G Turner 7-11-0 .... S Burrough
7 P04- PIONEER PETE 180 R Frost 7-11-0 .... J Frost
8 P-06 PRINCE VALMY 7 (B) N Ayliffe 9-11-0 .... S Fox (5)
9 3-42 SIRKA 21 (V) M Pipe 4-11-0 .... R Dunwoody
10 6-P3 WEST END 21 W G M Turner 4-11-0 .... T Murphy (7)
11 P3F- ALMOST A PRINCESS 189 L Snook 6-10-9 .... D Gallagher
12 60-6 MA BELLA LUNA 20 J Moore 5-10-9 .... W McFarland
13 P0 MEDIAS MAID 26 H Howe 4-10-9 .... Guy Lewis (5)
14 P0/0 MISTRESS ROSIE 14 Mrs J Retter 7-10-9 .... Mr J Culloty (7)
15 642- SPIRIT LEVEL 227 J Payne 6-10-9 .... Mr R Payne (7)

3-1 Sirka, 9-2 West End, 6-1 Spirit Level, 7-1 Pioneer Pete, Daily Sport Girl, 8-1 Namaste, 10-1 Good For The Roses, 14-1 others.

1.20 HEAT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,723: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 F-F5 ELITE REG 28 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-10 .... R Dunwoody
2 RP-F MISS MARIGOLD 12 (F,G,S) R Hodges 5-11-1 .... A Tory
3 40-F AND WHY NOT 13 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 .... T Jenks (3)
4 5P0- DJEBEL PRINCE 57F (G,S) C Egerton 7-10-8 .... G Bradley
5 04P- EXACT ANALYSIS 230 (S) N Mitchell 8-10-0 .... D Skyrme
6 -FF0 WHYFOR 12 S Knight 6-10-0 .... Mr J Culloty (7)
7 14/0 ALLO GEORGE 21 (G) A Newcombe 8-10-0 .... B Clifford
8 3265 RHOMAN FUN 34 G Ham 5-10-0 .... B Powell
9 P-P4 TOLL BRIDGE 27 D Minty 7-10-0 .... Guy Lewis (5)

3-1 And Why Not, 4-1 Miss Marigold, 9-2 Elite Reg, 6-1 Djebel Prince, 8-1 Rhoman Fun, 10-1 Exact Analysis, Allo George, 14-1 others.

1.50 WILLIAM HILL ACOLADE HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,498: 2m 6f) (9)

1 44/ CACHE FLEUR 608 (C,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-10 .... M Foster
2 20P- SENDAI 223 (F,G,S) J Gifford 8-11-3 .... E Murphy
3 11F- MISS PURBECK 245 (C,D,G,S) Mrs J Retter 7-11-2 .... Mr J Culloty (7)
4 33-F SWITCH 10 (G,S) C Brooks 8-10-13 .... G Bradley
5 P0-1 KABAYIL 13 (G,S) C Egerton 5-10-9 .... R Dunwoody
6 21-1 GREENHIL TARE AWAY 20 (F,G) P Hobbs 6-10-6 .... Peter Hobbs
7 564- CARFAX 8F (D,G,S) R Hoad 9-10-0 .... M Richards
8 131- DEVIOSITY 186 (CD,F,G) N Ayliffe 7-10-0 .... A P McCoy (5)
9 34-0 APARECIDA 14 (B) W G Turner 8-10-0 .... S Burrough

5-2 Greenhil Tare Away, 3-1 Kabayil, 5-1 Cache Fleur, 6-1 Sendai, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; J Old, 7 from 22, 31.8%; C Brooks, 7 from 23, 30.4%; D Nicholson, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Gifford, 4 from 14, 28.6%; M Pipe, 88 from 313, 28.1%.

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 14 winners from 47 rides, 29.8%; R Dunwoody, 41 from 149, 27.7%; Miss S Mitchell, 3 from 12, 25%; Peter Hobbs, 19 from 88, 21.6%; J R Kavanagh, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

2.20 CLAUDE WHITLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £5,158: 3m 2f 110yd) (10)

1 U20- RUFUS 213 (B,CD,S) B Smart 8-12-0 .... L Harvey
2 340- CYTHERE 206 (D,S) J Gifford 10-11-9 .... P Hide (3)
3 5-41 TAMMY'S FRIEND 26 (B,D,F,S) C Mann 7-11-5 .... DOUBTFUL
4 1F1- NEARLY SPLENDID 182 (CD,F,G,S) S Stevens 9-11-2 .... Mr T Greed
5 P/1 CELTIC PRINCE 14 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-0 .... T Jenks (3)
6 5/1 VICOMPT DE VALMONT 21 (B,CD,G,S) P Nicholls 9-11-0 .... R Dunwoody
7 12-P PRUDENT PEGGY 69 (C,S) R Frost 7-10-1 .... J Frost
8 06-P DISTILLATION 10 (G,S) G Edwards 9-10-0 .... S Burrough
9 F-21 POP SONG 5 (CD,F,G,S) G Roe 10-10-0 (4ex) .... B Powell
10 AI-3 SHAMARPHIL 21 (F,S) F Bishop 8-10-0 .... R Greene

5-2 Vicompt De Valmont, 4-1 Celtic Prince, 5-1 Nearly Splendid, 6-1 Rufus, 8-1 Cythere, Pop Song, 10-1 others.

2.50 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,612: 2m) (13)

1 ALLAHRAKHA 46F D R Tucker 10-12 .... A Thornton
2 5 BRIDIE'S PRIDE 6 G Ham 10-12 .... S Mackey
3 2U COURT JESTER 27 (BF) A Foster 10-12 .... J R Kavanagh
4 DESERT PRESIDENT 8F R Hoad 10-12 .... M Richards
5 DRY SEA 134F R Frost 10-12 .... J Frost
6 4 IRKUTSK 20 (BF) M Pipe 10-12 .... R Dunwoody
7 F24 ESKIMO NEL 18 J Spearing 10-7 .... A P McCoy (5)
8 PP FOREST SILK 21 Mrs P Duffield 10-7 .... A McCabe
9 5 LYING EYES 8F W G M Turner 10-7 .... M Griffiths (7)
10 0 NO WHAT I-MEAN 25 (V) J Moore 10-7 .... W McFarland
11 P STAR ACE 31 C Popham 10-7 .... M Godsafe (7)
12 VITE ETOILE 167F R Hodges 10-7 .... A Tory
13 WILKS DREAM 372F Miss S Waterman 10-7 .... Mr G Shenkin (7)

3-1 Irkutsk, 4-1 Eskimo Nel, 5-1 Court Jester, 7-1 Lying Eyes, 8-1 Bridie's Pride, 10-1 Allahrakha, 12-1 others.

3.20 HIGHBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£5,158: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 F1-5 SAFFAAH 17 (D,G) M Pipe 7-12-0 .... R Dunwoody
2 10-2 MISTER ODDY 10 (D,G,S) J King 8-11-0 .... T Jenks (3)
3 23P- BOLD CHOICE 182 (F,G) R Frost 8-10-12 .... J Frost
4 230- NORTHERN SADDLER 243 (F,G,S) R Hodges 7-10-7 .... Peter Hobbs
5 35-2 GALAGAMES 15 (D,G,S) R Buckler 7-10-7 .... B Powell
6 36F- RATHER SHARP 216 (D,S) C Popham 8-10-1 .... D Gallagher
7 3P-3 FRED SPLENDID 15 (CD,S) R Hodges 11-10-0 .... A P McCoy (5)
8 010- ALDAHE 180 (CD,F,G,S) B Millman 9-10-0 .... S Burrough

3-1 Saffaah, 7-2 Mister Oddy, 9-2 Galagames, 5-1 Northern Saddler, 7-1 Bold Choice, Rather Sharp, 8-1 Fred Splendid, 20-1 Aldahe.

3.50 SOUTH DEVON OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,749: 2m 1f) (16)

1 10- CROWN PROSECUTOR 241 (S) W Muir 4-11-7 .... M Richards
2 5-0 ALFIE THE GREAT 25 P Hobbs 5-11-0 .... Peter Hobbs
3 BALLYDANTE D Gandolfo 4-11-0 .... D Mease
4 2 BALLYEA BOY 20 D Nicholson 4-11-0 .... R Massey (7)
5 25- BIG STRAND 297 M Pipe 5-11-0 .... R Dunwoody
6 0 DILLON 25 M Channon 4-11-0 .... [illegible]
7 36 JUST MARMALADE 20 P Hobbs 5-11-0 .... M Moran (7)
8 KARICLEIGH LAD Mrs J Retter 5-11-0 .... S O'Donnell (7)
9 P- KISMET LEGACY 241P [illegible] .... [illegible]
10 2- MANDALAY 225 J Old 5-11-0 .... T Grantham
11 0 SIR KINGSLEY 10 J Moore [illegible] .... L McGrath (7)
12 AMAZEMENTS CHOICE [illegible] .... Miss S Rowe (7)
13 00- DUBBOCKS COUNTRY [illegible] .... Miss S Vickery
14 JOUALONG [illegible] .... Mr R Johnson (7)
15 00- LADY LIR 183 [illegible] .... Miss S Young
15 33- SWEET REVELATION 223 [illegible] .... [illegible]

[illegible]

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good with soft patches on chase course, soft with heavy patches on hurdles course

12.45 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, TITAN EMPRESS (M Perrett, 16-1); 2, Raisin Turf (A Maguire, 15-2); 3, Place Stephanie (D Carson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Edelweiss, 3 Zaaheyah, 13-2 Making Time (pu), 7 Marsden Rock (4th), 8 Polly Minor, 16 Apsimore, Hataal (pu), Rumpus (pu), 25 Winter Lightning (6th), 33 Austral Jane (5th). 13 ran. Hd, 11l, 1¼l, 4l, dist. S Mellor at Swindon. Tote: £22.10; £4.50, £3.50, £3.00. DF: £71.30. Trio: £301.40. CSF: £134.13. Tricast: £1,821.19. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, PETITE BIJOU (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 2, First In The Field (J Supple, 5-1); 3, Trecento (T Eley, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Dame Prospect (f), 11-2 A Suitable Girl (4th), 6 Skelton Princess, 10 Bernie's Sister, 16 Ca Ira (pu), 25 Pontabula, 33 Kirstys Lark (6th), Wadada (5th), 50 Suzy Lloyd. 12 ran. 5l, 7l, ¾l, nk, sh hd. R Brotherton at Pershore. Tote: £5.30; £2.40, £1.70, £29.10. DF: £30.70. CSF: £24.11. There was no bid for the winner.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, VASILIEV (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 2, Mole Board (T Grantham, 5-4); 3, Royal Derbi (M Perrett, 11-10 fav). 3 ran. 3½l, 14l. S Gollings at Louth. Tote: £3.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £9.27.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, MELEAGRIS (A Maguire, 2-1 fav); 2, Mr Setaside (R Supple, 20-1); 3, Buddy Holly (T Grantham, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Do Be Brief (pu), 4 Tori (ur), 9 Beresfords Girl (pu), 11 Johnny's Slipper (4th). 7 ran. 15l, 3½l, 1¼l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £2.00; £1.00, £14.90. DF: £40.10. CSF: £31.40.

2.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, HURDY (J Burke, 9-2); 2, Garrison Commander (S McNeill, 7-1); 3, John Roger (A Tory, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Magellan Bay (f), 9-4 Black Church (pu), 8 Ridaka (4th), 33 Cheeka (pu). 7 ran. 7l, 9l, 9l. Mrs S Bramall at Thirsk. Tote: £5.20; £2.50, £2.70. DF: £19.20. CSF: £32.00.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, LEAD VOCALIST (M Perrett, 11-1); 2, Smart Rookie (A Maguire, 7-4); 3, Punters Overhead (R Dunwoody, Evens fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Japecada (6th), 14 Eyre Point (pu), 25 Buckley's Court (pu), 33 Billy Brighton (5th), 66 King Fowler (4th), Sabbaq (pu), 100 Zub Zub (pu). 10 ran. NR: Katie's Joker. ¾l, 25l, 20l, 20l, 1½l. R Rowe at Storrington. Tote: £8.90; £2.90, £1.60, £1.00. DF: £19.30. CSF: £30.33.

3.45 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, ISLAND JEWEL (M Bosley, 5-1); 2, Mr Pickpocket (G Bradley, 10-3); 3, Viscount Tully (W Humphreys, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Fox Chapel (4th), 6 Mr Flutts, 7 Rovulenka (6th), 10 Gallant Effort (pu), 16 World Without End (5th), 25 Fromthegetgo (pu). 9 ran. 8l, 8l, 3l, dist, nk. J Bosley at Brampton. Tote: £6.50; £2.00, £1.40, £2.40. DF: £11.20. Trio: £47.90. CSF: £21.13. Tricast: £173.17.

Placepot: £845.20.
Quadpot: £39.90.

☐ Yesterday's jackpot meeting at Plumpton was called off because of waterlogging.

Blinkered first time

NEWTON ABBOT: 2.50 No What I Mean.
WETHERBY: 1.00 Blanc Seing. 2.00 Irish Flasher. 2.30 Prince Yaza

Doumen plots further raids on British races

FRANÇOIS Doumen, the leading French jumps trainer, is to mount regular raids on the top National Hunt prizes in Britain this season with a team of top-class jumpers led by last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, The Fellow.

The Fellow runs over hurdles at Auteuil tomorrow, ridden by Adam Kondrat, as he prepares for the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing day, which he has won twice before.

Doumen is also sending over Bog Frog for Ascot's Long Walk Hurdle on December 17, and will attempt to qualify the chasers Val D'Alene and Algan for the Grand National.

Val D'Alene and Algan have won the two richest handicap chases in France but must run three times in Britain to qualify for a Grand National handicap mark. They will be entered in the new Singer & Friedlander Grand National Trial at Uttoxeter on February 11.

☐ Girl From Ipanema (Paul Cole) and Maidment (Lady Herries) are the two British-trained raiders in a 15-runner field for the group three £22,883 Prix Fille de l'Air (1m 2f 110yd) at Saint-Cloud today.

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Test chance fades as veteran batsman searches for form

Desperate Gatting struggles in vain

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES

EVERY stand-up comedian has his tale of the night when the jokes fell flat, the audience grew restive and the prospect of escaping the stage with dignity intact receded with every passing minute. Mike Gatting will have identified with all of this yesterday during a tortured innings that made one statement about his character but quite another about his form.

Nobody on this tour is more anxious for success than Gatting. The circuit back to Australia, eight years on from his Ashes triumph as captain, has been littered with banana skins and Gatting has slipped on every one of them. For all that, he retains the admiration of many and the affection of all and the sight of him clinging desperately to the coat-tails of a Test career is enough to make decent men squirm.

The kindest way to describe his progress to 33 in 138 minutes against New South Wales is tenacious. England, threatened with a third consecutive defeat by the Sheffield Shield champions after a sequence of bizarre dismissals, could even sleep last night with the hope that his survival would prove their salvation. Leading by 163, with five wickets standing and a day remaining, all things were possible.

Judged more severely, however, his was a fidgeting neurosis of an innings, damaging his case for Test match inclusion every bit as much as his second-ball duck on Saturday. Even in rich form, a batsman can get out for nothing, but only a man desperate for the elusive essentials of touch and confidence can bat this long without locating second gear.

Through the afternoon, as England sought a winning position after restricting their first-innings deficit to 37, Gatting had paced, prowled and frowned his message of anxiety. There is nothing enigmatic about him. His expressions and body language are transparent and the importance of this innings to his chances of usurping John Crawley for England's last batting place required no outside emphasis.

When his turn came, the state of the match itself became insignificant, not because Gatting was unconcerned with its outcome, but because every ball he faced had the breathless sense of a man battling for his future. It was compulsive viewing, though hardly family entertainment, as Gatting strove to reacquaint brain with body through the barrier of nerves.

Ponderous against slow bowling that once he would have disdained, Gatting transmitted agonies of indecision as his memory told him to attack, but his instinct for self-preservation said otherwise. It made for an extraordinary final session in which he went strokeless for overs at a time and was agitating to come off for bad light long before rain brought the close a few minutes early.

Australians have a healthy regard for Gatting. He is straightforward and indomitable, virtues they admire. This happy relationship, however, is in danger of being overtaken by mockery as crowds heckle his immobility in the field and, inevitably, his size. As he marched out to bat yesterday, there was a cry from the Hill of "give him a runner" and there will be more where that came from.

To restore his stature, the stature that contentiously won him his place on this tour, Gatting now needs authority in his batting — and needs it urgently. Otherwise, there can be no case for including him ahead of Crawley, who has age and scope on his side and whose talent is unfettered by such fear of failure.

Crawley himself made only 14 yesterday before becoming one of three England players to feel they had the wrong end of an umpiring decision. In his case, it was a caught-and-bowled, Crawley plainly believing he had struck the ball into the ground. Steven Rhodes was mortified to be given leg-before, stretching well forward, and Graham Thorpe left nobody to doubt his view that his bat had made no contact as he was adjudged caught at silly point off the impressive Anthony Kershler.

Michael Atherton, having battled more than two hours for 37, was unluckily caught at extra cover off the heel of Mark Waugh at silly point, so only Graeme Hick, who lost his off stump to a beauty from Wayne Holdsworth, left the crease without complications. Umpiring will undoubtedly be an issue at some stage this winter, but, for now, England would do well to avoid giving the impression that they are forming a queue at the complaints desk.

On a pitch freshened by morning rain, Devon Malcolm had obliterated the New South Wales tail with four wickets for 11 at the start of play, giving slightly false respect to his innings figures. Meanwhile, in an indoor net nearby, Alec Stewart was passing a test on his injured finger and will play in the final pre-series fixture in Hobart, starting on Friday.

The opposition there, an Australian XI chosen by the Test selectors, contains six full caps, none more intriguing than Merv Hughes, who yesterday dismissed Allan Border for the second time in a Shield match at Brisbane, where he still hopes to make his Test comeback next week.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Gatting cannot escape a rising delivery during his tortuous innings in Newcastle

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 328 (G A Hick 73, J P Crawley 71, G P Thorpe 67, B E McNamara 4 for 50).

Second Innings

†S J Rhodes lbw b Lee	16
*M A Atherton c Taylor b Robertson	37
G A Hick b Holdsworth	12
G P Thorpe c Lee b Kershler	27
M W Gatting not out	33
J P Crawley c and b Kershler	14
C White not out	31
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 1, nb 14)	30
Total (6 wkts)	200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-48, 3-102, 4-125, 5-149

BOWLING: Holdsworth 13-4-37-1 (6 nb); Lee 11-3-50-1 (1 w); McNamara 9-5-14-0, Robertson 15-5-8-35-1; M E Waugh 6-1-15-0 (6 nb), Kershler 12-4-26-2, Bevan 1-1-0-0; Maxwell 9-3-8-0

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Gatting b White	150
M J Slater c Atherton b DeFreitas	18
M E Waugh c Tufnell b Hick	80
M G Bevan c Gatting b Tufnell	20
B E McNamara c sub b White	11
S Lee lbw b DeFreitas	45
N D Maxwell c Rhodes b Malcolm	18
†C A Glassock c Thorpe b Malcom	0
G R Robertson lbw b Malcolm	4
A J Kershler not out	4
W J Holdsworth b Malcolm	0
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 4)	15
Total	385

FALL OF WICKETS 1-54, 2-217, 3-266, 4-280, 5-302, 6-331, 7-335, 8-356, 9-362

BOWLING: DeFreitas 26-9-63-2 (1 w, 4 nb), Malcolm 20.4-3-81-4; White 17-4-60-2; Udal 19-1-73-0, Tufnell 18-2-67-1, Hick 3-0-11-1

Umpires: D B Hair and W P Sheahan

Australians restrict Britain's youthful ambition

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

KEEPING the score below 50 is the realistic height of ambition for the Great Britain under-21 rugby league side in the penultimate match of the tour by Australia at Gateshead tonight.

As the Kangaroos' last two opponents were unable to muster a point between them, the under-21s can go one better than Warrington and Bradford Northern. Defensively, however, the Australians seemed just about impenetrable in those games.

This game might be one to put down to experience, though. Rather than at the back end of the tour, the fixture would have been more beneficial towards the beginning, when individual cases for senior selection could at least have been assessed.

If hardly vulnerable then, the Australian bandwagon would not have been rolling as irresistibly as it is now. The Britain team, which includes seven newcomers, contains some of the cream of English youth that was souredlast summer in Australia.

The tour by the Britain Academy (under-19) side was a chastening reminder of the gulf in development, a black hole that swallowed up Britain in the 46-4 and 64-10 beatings by the junior Kangaroos. Compared with Australia, the game in Britain is weak. Players considered good enough are rushed into senior competition early, a dilemma highlighted by the fact that virtually the entire under-21 side is made up of first-team players.

Several have already experienced the Australians at first hand; one, Chris Smith, of Castleford, has the feather in his cap of having scored a try against them. Another, Steve Prescott, earned Australian praise for his lively display against them at full back for St Helens.

The absence of Iestyn Harris, of Warrington, who has received an approach from the South Sydney club, is one of several injury setbacks. With Ryan Sheridan and Nigel Wright directing operations at half back, pace is not so much a problem in the backs as countering the mobile strength of the Australians up front.

Alex Thompson, the open-side prop, is handed the captaincy for the first time, and the youngest player, Nathan McAvoy, 17, the Salford centre, is among the four substitutes. Realistically, Australia should encounter few problems in racking up a 51st consecutive win in Britain outside the international arena since 1978.

GREAT BRITAIN UNDER-21: S Prescott (St Helens); C Smith (Castleford), R Goddard (Castleford), K Hammond (Widnes), F Cummins (Leeds); N Wright (Wakefield Trinity), R Sheridan (Sheffield Eagles); A Thompson (Sheffield Eagles, captain), J Clarke (Oldham), M Hilton (Warrington), M Perrett (Halifax), L Harland (Halifax), S Martin (Sheffield Eagles). Substitutes: M Hewitt (Hull), N McAvoy (Salford), J Cassidy (Hull), N Sykes (Castleford).

Rugby's riches must be shared for game to prosper

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE difference between the haves and the have-nots of international rugby could hardly have been emphasised more succinctly over the weekend. As the Rugby Football Union (RFU) counted its first £1 million gate against a country outside the traditional top eight, Romania and the United States returned from their respective tours still searching for ways of raising money to fund their game.

It is that difference which makes it imperative for the wealthier nations to assist the funding of tours, even if, as happened against Romania at Twickenham on Saturday, the beneficiaries do not offer the quality opposition their own players require. Otherwise, the spread of the game in such countries as Romania and the United States will continue to be restricted and future World Cups less competitive.

Even so, the RFU was delighted to find 52,000 attending the match on Saturday in a stadium where the capacity this season is 58,000, despite the obvious lack of quality, the poor weather and the fact that the game was televised live. That, and the fact that the international with Canada next month is already sold out, convinces the RFU that the public now recognises how difficult obtaining tickets for the five nations' championship has become, yet still wants to identify with a successful England.

Would that Romania could attract even a quarter of that kind of revenue. They seek sponsorship of their national team and hope that international companies trading with their country will examine a sponsorship package they have put together. The American Eagles, completing their tour of Ireland with three defeats from four games, are better placed in that respect, having split the funding of the national team from the general running costs of their domestic game.

They, in particular, hope to benefit from the International Rugby Football Board's ambition to link with the Olympic organisation. "There may be a token amount of money, but it would give us access to Olympic facilities, training centres and technology while putting the five Olympic rings on our letterhead will legitimise US rugby in the eyes of 99 per cent of our people," Ed Schram, the Eagles manager, said. "We think big-name sponsors will pay attention to that, as well as the World Cup movement."

Wales will play an international against Fiji on November 11 next year, the culmination of a seven-match tour which will be the first visit by the islanders to Wales for 12 years. Western Samoa visit England and Scotland next autumn for a 12-match tour which is likely to include fixtures against both Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Yorkshire open their CIS County Championship defence with a visit to Durham today, the side they beat in the final last season. Theyhave made ten changes, four players making their county debuts under the new captain, Steve Burnhill. Durham field six of the beaten finalists.

WALES UNDER-21 (v Romania Under-21, Bridgend, November 25): J Thomas (Cardiff RFC); G Thomas (Bridgend), J Hewlett (Cardiff), G Jones (Bridgend), C Moir (Northampton), L Gratiths (Swansea), P Horgan (Aberavon), C Loader (Swansea, captain), M Thomas (Swansea), S John (Llanelli), A Moore (Swansea), S Martin (Cardiff RFC), S Johnson (Llanelli), R Morris (Neath Athletic), P Beard (Cardiff).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

AMPELOPSIS

(a) A genus of climbing plants allied to the vine: (with small initial) a plant of this genus, as one of the various species of Virginia creeper. From the Greek *ampelos* a vine + *opsis* appearance. Compton Mackenzie, *Sinister Street*, 1914: "The tea-tray gothic of Balliol, and Trinity with its municipal ampelopsis."

EUSTASY

(c) A uniform change of sea-level throughout the world, anglicised back-formation from the German *eustatisch*. "If the whole level of the ocean has risen or fallen (we call it eustasy), then the total quantity of water in the ocean has been changed from time to time."

GARBANZO

(c) The chick-pea, *Cicer arietinum*, from the Spanish word, *cf. cidavance*. C. S. Forester, *Mr Midshipman Hornblower*, 1950: "To taste salt beef and biscuit again, and never again to taste beans and garbanzos."

CAPPA

(b) A cloak forming part of a religious habit, a cope, from the Italian *cappa* a cloak. "Saint Thomas of Canterbury put on a black cappa, which was closed all round and reached his feet. The black cappa with lambswool was not the monastic habit of his monks at Christ Church. It was that of the Black Canons Regular, to which order Merton belonged."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Bxh3+! wins a pawn, as 2. Kxh3 runs into 2. . . . Qh1+: 3. Kg4 (5+: 4. Kf4 Qe4: mate. White's best is 2. Kh2, but after 2. . . . Qc6, Black maintains chances to win. In the game, White took the bait on h3 and was mated.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European under-21 championship
Group six
England v Rep of Ireland (7.45) (St James' Park, Newcastle)

Group seven
Georgia v Wales (10am)

Group eight
Scotland v Russia

Auto Windscreens Shield
First round
Exeter v Cardiff (7.45)

Anglo-Italian Cup
Group A
Ascoli v Swindon (7.45)
Lecce v Tranmere (7.45)
Notts County v Venezia (7.45)
Wolverhampton v Atalanta (7.45)

Group B
Ancona v Middlesbrough (7.45)
Cesena v Sheff Utd (2.30)
Derby v Udinese (7.45)
Stoke v Piacenza (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference
Northwich v Stafford (7.45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Worcester, Cheltenham v Atherstone, Crawley v Stringbourne, Gravesend and Northfleet v Gloucester, Halesowen v Gresley Rovers (7.45), Trowbridge v Rushden and Diamonds. Midland division: Bedworth v Grantham; Hinckley v Sutton Coldfield, Ilkeston v King's Lynn, Leicester Utd v Evesham, Newport AFC v Forest Green, Nuneaton v Buckingham Town, RC Warwick v Moor Green, Stourbridge v Bilston. Southern division: Bury v Tonbridge AFC, Fareham Town v Weston-Super-Mare, Margate v Braintree, Newport IoW v Burnham, Salisbury v Yate, Wealdstone v Baldock, Dr Martens Cup, Second round: Dorchester v Bashley, Hastings v Ashford, Havant v Weymouth.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Cup, Second round, second Leg: Holywell v Rothersdale

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Stoke (7.0), Rotherham v Everton (7.0). Second division: Manchester City v Hull (6.45)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v QPR, Crystal Palace v Watford (2.0).

CARLING LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Bradford Park Ave v Bacup Borough, Glossop NE v Castleton Gabriels Oldham v Hyde.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Enfield; Marlow v Wallon and Hersham (7.45). First division: Aldershot v Bognor Regis; Whyteleafe v Billericay, Wivenhoe v Basingstoke, Worthing v Dorking. Second division: Barton Rovers v Edgware Town, Hemel Hempstead v Croydon, Hungerford v Windsor and Eton; Malden Vale v Hampton, Metropolitan Police v Chalfont St Peter; Oxford City v Banstead, Saffron Walden v Tilbury. Cup, second round: Heybridge Swifts v Aylesbury Utd.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Amesbury v Backwell, Dawlish v Minehead, Devizes v Larkhall, Melksham v Pewsey Vale. Les Phillips Cup: Bideford v Mangotsfield.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Stowmarket, Felixstowe v Sudbury Wand, Hadleigh v Lowestoft, Halstead Town v Tiptree; Harwich and Parkeston v Comard; Woodbridge Town v Newmarket Town; Wisbech v Scham Town. First division: Brantham Athletic v Gorleston (7.45)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Atherton L R v Farsley Celtic, Eastwood v Congleton; Goole v Alfreton. Challenge Cup: Second round: Lancaster City v Workington.

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches
Moseley v Canterbury (NZ) (7.0)
Scottish Selection v South Africans (at Aberdeen)
Llanelli v East Ontario (7.15)

CIS County championship
Northern group
Cheshire v Lancashire (at Birkenhead Park, 7.15)
Cumbria v Northumberland (at Aspatria, 7.15)
Durham v Yorkshire (at Durham City)

Club matches
Croesyceiliog v Cross Keys (7.0)
Exeter v Bristol (7.0)
Northampton v London Welsh

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tour match
Great Britain Under 21 v Australia XIII (at Gateshead)

OTHER SPORT

GYMNASTICS: World team championships (Dortmund, Germany, to Nov 20).

TABLE TENNIS: European women's league: Holland v England.

TENNIS: Women's challenge tournament (Eastbourne, to November 19)

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RADIO CHOICE

An emotional minefield

Thirty Minute Theatre: Foreign Legion. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Two talents new to radio drama have been rewardingly united in this half-hour play about the power of communication. The writer, Nicola Thomas, heads a charitable trust for new playwrights. Nicola Baldwin has set herself a difficult target — the readjustment of a maladjusted teenager (Richard Pearce) in 30 minutes. He and his pal (Tom Bevan) meet up in France with a retired teacher (Gareth Armstrong) who is looking for the grave of his great-uncle who died on the Somme. Baldwin's skill lies in using the dead as a catharsis for the living. Polly Thomas's direction ensures that a careful course is plotted through what is an emotional minefield.

Up in Lights. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*

Showbusiness history is full of paradoxes such as those scattered through the story of Elizabeth Seal, one-time wondergirl of British stage musicals. In London's West End, she made a big name for herself playing American girls in *The Pajama Game* and *Damn Yankees*. Then, in 1959, she opened in *Irma La Douce*, playing a Paris prostitute in an English version adapted from the original French production. When it went to Broadway, she went with it. The ultimate paradox? Here was a British singer-dancer, playing a Parisian streetwalker on the New York stage and winning an American award for the best performance in a musical.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes with the Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Steve Wright in the Morning 9.00 Simon Mayo: featuring Mary Chapin Carpenter 12.00 Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, including at 3.45 Superman: Doomsday and Beyond 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session presented by Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq 9.00 The Story of Pop: rap 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought, with Sarah Boston 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anna Ford 2.00pm Angela Rippon and at 2.30 the star guest interview 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.00 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Over Britain: Phone 0645 288291 8.30 Michael Bentine: The Reluctant Jester Strikes Back 9.00 Lionel Bart — Reviewing the Situation (r) 10.00 Up In Lights: See Choice 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 10.35 Euronews; 11.15 Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five including at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time live from Westminster 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match: previewing England v Nigeria at Wembley 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00-5.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 New Ideas 7.50 Bred in Tooth and Claw 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 News and Business 9.15 Tip of the Tongue 9.30 On Screen 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 A Tapestry of Sounds 10.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Multitrack. 12.46 Sport 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 Wood, Guts and Brass 3.00 News 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News and Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoskop 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News and Business 10.15 Megamix 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 News 12.15 Concert Hall 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Turkey: An Ethnic Mosaic 1.45 Country Style 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 3.00 News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Cook 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: Music by Russian composers 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Ross 'n' Jono's Breakfast 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Paul Coyle 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor: Hildegard of Bingen (Columba aspedit); Bartók (Romanian Folk Dances); Mozart (Eine kleine Nachtmusik); Mendelssohn (Overture: A Midsummer Night's Dream); Beethoven (Five variations on *Rule Britannia* in D); Haydn (String Quartet in F, Op.17 No.2)
9.00 **Composer of the Week:** Rossini. Excerpts from the operas *The Barber of Seville*, *La Gazzetta* and *Otello* (r)
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, with Edward Blakeman. Balakirev (Overture on Themes of Russian Songs); Robin Orr (Lyric Piece No 2); Fauré (Barcarolle in E flat, Op 70); Chabrier (Ballabile); 10.20 *Artist of the Week*: Thea King, clarinet. Britten (Concerto Movement); Benjamin Frankel (Clarinet Quintet); 11.25 Knipper (Symphony No 4)
12.00 **Music Restored**: The Gabrieli Consort in a programme of sacred music by Cristóbal de Morales (r)
1.00pm **Shostakovich**: Symphony No.5 (Leningrad PO under Yevgeni Mravinsky)
2.00 **Schools:** Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen!
3.00 **New Voices, New Choices:** The second of four programmes of music by composers of the Confederation of Independent States. BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaf Otaka performs Alexander Shchetinsky (Glossolalie); Roman Ledenyov (Symphony)
4.20 **Brahms and Grieg.** Arve Tellelsen, violin, Harvard Glinsie, piano. Brahms (Scherzo in C minor); Grieg (Sonata No 3 in C minor)
5.10 **In the Music Machine:** with composer Judith Weir and the Lindsay String Quartet
5.15 **In Tune**, from Cardiff, with Nicola Heywood-Thomas
7.30 **Pebble Mill:** Live from Studio One. Mitsuko Shirai, mezzo, Hartmut Höll, piano. Liszt (Es muss ein Wunderbares sein; Nimm einen Strahl der Sonne; Blume und Duft; Ihr Glocken von Marling; Die Lorelei; Vergiftet sind meine Lieder; Freudvoll und leidvoll; Der du von dem Himmel bist; Die drei Zigeuner)
9.20 **Everybody's Shakespeare:** Michael Kustow looks at the political uses of Shakespeare, especially under tyranny. With Dragan Klaic, theatre critic in exile from the former Yugoslavia; Ion Caramitrou, whose *Hamlet* helped to defeat Ceausescu; and Janet Suzman, who directed a white Desdemona opposite a black Othello during the apartheid regime in South Africa
9.50 **Ulster Orchestra** under En Shao, with Jonathan Williams, horn. Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2 in E flat); Schubert (Symphony No 2 in B flat)
10.45 **Night Waves:** Edward Albee's *Three Tall Women* and the London Film Festival
11.30-12.30am **Muradeli and Myaskovsky:** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Fyodor Glushchenko performs Muradeli (Symphony No 1); Myaskovsky (Symphony No 21)
1.00-1.40 **Night School:** German Stories — Bucherregal

RADIO 4

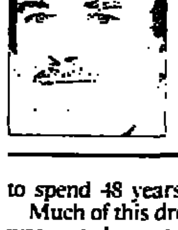
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News, Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Recipe Reading 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Call Nick Ross:** 071-580 4444. Topical phone-in. Lines open from 9am
10.00-10.30 **News; A Hack on the Cut (FM only):** Dylan Winter's diary of a canal trip from Liverpool to London
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only), with Wellspring
10.15 **Paradise Regained** (LW only): Episode six of John Milton's epic poem (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**, introduced by Jenni Murray, Corinne Julius looks at British street style. Serial: *Knowledge of Angels*. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 **Medicine Now**: Geoff Watts reports
12.00 **News; You and Yours**, with Deire Brehan
12.25pm **Stilgoe's Around:** Richard Stilgoe leads a cabaret of sketches and songs about food and drink from the East Devon College in Tiverton. With Pam Ayres and the Classic Buskers 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Foreign Legion**, See Choice
2.30 **Richard Baker Compères Notes:** In the last of the series, Richard Baker looks at the art of remastering old recordings with Lyndon Jenkins and Paul Baily
3.00 **News; Anderson Country**
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Ivan Klima's new novel, *Waiting for the Dark, Waiting for the Light*, and the latest novel from Bertie Doherty
4.45 **Short Story: The Fall of a Coin**, by Ruth Rendell. Read by Richard Mitchley
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **A Perfect Spy**: The final part of John le Carré's story. With James Fox, James Grout and Brenda Bruce (r).
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **File on 4**: Jenny Cuffe reports
8.00 **Science Now** (r)
8.30 **In Living Colour:** Juliet Alexander presents the magazine which highlights issues relating to the lives of black and Asian people
9.00 **In Touch:** Tony Bamiger presents the magazine for people with a visual handicap
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, presented by Isabel Hilton
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Nights at the Circus**, by Angela Carter. Read by Lesley Manville (2/10)
11.00 **Medicinewise**, with Joanna Coles (r)
11.30 **Sentimental Journey:** Suggs McPherson, lead singer with Madness, returns to the farming community in Wales where he spent three years as a boy (r)
12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Out of our sight but not out of their minds

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

One of the paradoxes of the present Government is that it is almost universally regarded as dull, and yet it keeps coming up with policies which are meat and drink to the makers of television documentaries, who run from dullness with all due haste.

In the sliver of space between one sleaze allegation and the next, no government in living memory has been so adept at evoking, with every policy pronouncement, furious reaction followed by a camera crew lurching down the byways of the particular policy area in search of experts willing to testify that this is the worst disaster since the one before last.

Care in the community is a case in point. Here was a policy that seemed, superficially, to lack grounds for uproar, since it proposed to release from mental institutions thousands of people who probably should not have been locked up. But the policy's support, though still in place, has shed much of its warmth, detractors claiming that care in the community is merely another way of saving money.

Whatever the merits of the argument, anyone who thinks that a return to the status quo ante might be an option could not have been watching **Stolen Lives** (Channel 4) last night, the first in a new documentary series called *People First*. This was a perfectly shocking picture of how we used to treat the mentally ill, or rather, anyone that a few individuals decreed as being mentally ill. The programme's focus was Meanwood Park in Leeds, its full name when it opened in 1920 being Meanwood Park Colony for Mental Defectives: the name says it all.

Meanwood, a deceptively benign looking place laid out as a series of villas, was an out-growth of the 1913 Mental Deficiency Act, which laid down four categories of people who could be detained: moral defectives, idiots, imbeciles and the feeble-minded.

Mary Clarkson came into the first group, having made the mistake of giving birth out of wedlock. As soon as the baby was born it was taken away and Mary was removed to Meanwood. She spent no less than 61 years there, a life hijacked by brute authority. Even now, aged 86 and out of Meanwood, the memories are indelible. "I cry myself to sleep some nights," she says.

Geoffrey Kaye was aged seven when, on his way home from school, he was snatched off the street and taken to Meanwood. Nothing that his family could do could get him out and he spent a goodly part of his remaining boyhood humping great bags of sand to help build Meanwood's perimeter wall, an irony no doubt lost on the boy. He was to spend 48 years in Meanwood.

Much of this dreadful treatment was meted out at a time when the British liberal establishment was shouting the odds over Soviet labour camps, a sense of priorities which must have bemused those who knew the inner workings of Meanwood, where the punishment for being "stubborn" was two days in bed.

Some relief was at hand in the shape of the 1959 Mental Health Act, which limited detention to those who were "a danger to themselves or to society". So most of those in Meanwood were technically free to leave, yet in reality few did until the coming of care in the community. The problem lay with a dubious assessment system which, according to Dr Maggie Potts, a clinical psychologist, was geared not to the needs of the individual but to those of the people in control. She wonders, as do many others, whether care in the community has inherited the same structural weakness.

Structure of a different kind was to come into the ambit of last night's *Late Show* (BBC 2): **Julian Barnes in 10½ Chapters**, an interview with the author Julian Barnes conducted by Michael Ignatieff. I shall use the excuse to slip in a structural complaint about *The Late Show* itself, a nightly arts and media magazine which I welcomed with great shouts of approval some five years ago.

Its first editor, Michael Jackson, soared like a lark from this unlikely base and is now the controller of BBC 2. In that capacity he is perhaps wary of grabbing his successors at the *Late Show* (it seems to be trying to dispense with the definite article) and telling them that themed programmes are a dead loss. They should get back to the old format of not having a format.

I shall start a petition and invite Barnes to sign, for though he was an interesting theme last night, he would surely support the notion that an arts programme, like one of his novels, should surprise, should refuse to conform.

Ignatieff is often an incisive interviewer, though maddening is another word for him. Infuriating? Yes, that's another one. He is inordinately fond of shaping conclusions about his interviewees and then feeding them back as questions.

I forget what Ignatieff had decided was the "message" of a Barnes novel, but it matters not because Barnes rejected the word: "I don't have messages, I don't have things to teach. My books are more about posing the question in an exact way." Over to you, Michael.

The long Ignatieff fingers mingle and unravel and twist and turn, the Ignatieff intellect smilingly dumps messages over the side in favour of... strategy! Surely Barnes must have a strategy?

Alas: "I am slightly happier with that than with messages, but what I'm doing doesn't feel like a strategy." At this point came a strategic message from the floor manager: show over.

Matthew Bond is on holiday

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (60776)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (98292660)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (2089844)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5320776)

10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (50352283)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7541912) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (6191370) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26407221)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (71221)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (55784660) **1.50 Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes.** Recipes for cakes that take only 15 minutes to cook (s) (98059134) **2.00 Cartoon** (75002028)

2.05 FILM: The Blue Lamp (1950, b/w) starring Jack Warner, Jimmy Hanley and Dirk Bogarde. Police drama about the hunt for the killer of a veteran officer. Directed by Basil Dearden (5069467)

3.30 The Little Polar Bear (s) (3348196) **3.35 William's Wish Wellingtons** (s) (3347467) **3.40 Fireman Sam** (r) (3351660) **3.50 Chuckdevision** (r) (s) (8243991) **4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (3881844) **4.20 Spacevets** (s) (3563950) **4.35 It'll Never Work.** (Ceefax) (s) (5342399)

5.00 Newsround (5274028) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Children's drama series set in a youth club. (Ceefax) (s) (5469080)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (908950). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (979)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (931). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando flies Concorde to Jordan; Sue Cook is in Antigua; Gary Rhodes on Corsica; and John Pitman in mid-Wales. (Ceefax) (s) (3399)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (115)



The cricketer Mark Ramprakash (8.00pm)

8.00 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by John Barnes, Ben Clarke, Mark Ramprakash and Peter Haining. (Ceefax) (s) (2047)

8.30 Natural Neighbours. Griff Rhys Jones meets self-confessed "swan addicts", including *Times* contributor Jim Crumley. (Ceefax) (s) (1554)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9554)

9.30 CHOICE **How To Win the Lottery** (305009). **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 How to Win the Lottery 10.45 Omnibus 11.25-1.55am Pink Floyd The Concert

10.15 Omnibus: Pink Floyd – The Story. A documentary charting the rise of the popular band. (Ceefax) (s) (657134). **Northern Ireland:** Country Times 10.40 29 Bedford Street 11.20 Omnibus 12.00-2.30am Pink Floyd The Concert

10.55 Pink Floyd – The Concert recorded at Earls Court, London (21427399)

1.25am Weather (9160993). Ends at **1.30**

2.45-3.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Channel. Scrambled (17239)

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (8225825) **7.05 Teddy Trucks** (r) (8224196) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r). (Ceefax) (6204467) **7.30 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (66399)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6964009)

8.15 Pride of Dress (9775806)

8.25 Jerusalem – Of Heaven and Earth (8268486)

8.50 The Europeans. A profile of a Briton living in Belgium (1128680)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6352009)

2.00 Christopher Crocodile (r) (75093370) **2.05 Spot** (r) (75092641) **2.10 How The West Was Lost** (9771196)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Vietnam Journey With Ken Done.** (Ceefax) (1164739) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3355486)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (844)

4.30 First Sight: The Ex Generation (r) **Wales:** Week In Week Out; **East:** Matters of Fact, **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North-east, North-west:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west and West:** Close Up (888)

5.00 Esther. Discussion series (s) (4405)

5.30 Catchword. Word power game (680)

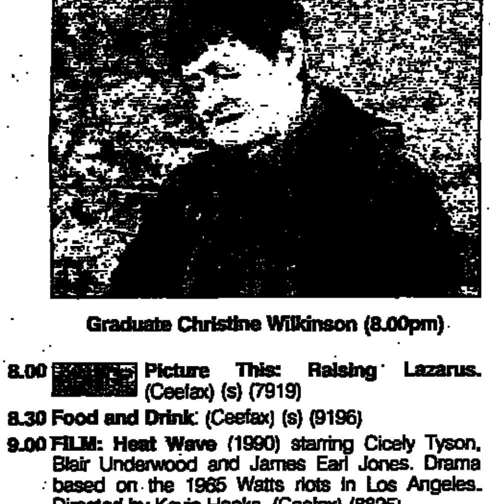
6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (240689)

6.25 Heartbreak High. Children's drama set in an Australian high school. (Ceefax) (s) (385757)

7.10 Harry Hill's Fruit Fancies (b/w) (166573)

7.20 Tex Avery. Classic cartoon (162757)

7.30 Open Space: Missing in Action. Documentary following a missing person's charity team as they work with families, runaways and the police. (Ceefax) (s) (757)



Graduate Christine Wilkinson (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Picture This: Raising Lazarus.** (Ceefax) (s) (7919)

8.30 Food and Drink. (Ceefax) (s) (9196)

9.00 FILM: Heat Wave (1990) starring Cicely Tyson, Blair Underwood and James Earl Jones. Drama based on the 1965 Watts riots in Los Angeles. Directed by Kevin Hooks. (Ceefax) (8825)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (874009)

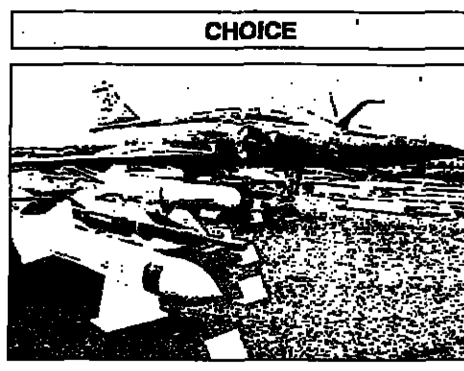
11.15 The Late Show. Includes a report from Scotland on the pros and cons of taking a camera into court (s) (373080) **11.55 Weather** (110318)

12.00 A Night in Havana: Dizzy Gillespie in Cuba. Havana's Fifth International Jazz Festival, recorded in 1987 (81581) Ends at **1.30am**

2.00-4.00 Night School: Modern Languages – Lernexpress (70429)

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CHOICE



Britain leads the world in arms sales (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Flying the Flag — Arming the World
ITV, 10.40pm

John Pilger offers a typically forthright denunciation of Britain as one of the world's leading arms manufacturers. This is television documentary with the gloves off, even-handed only to the extent that Pilger blames Labour, and a slightly contrite Denis Healey, for initiating the current system of arms sales. Then it is on, with relish, to the Thatcher years and a story, according to Pilger, of a military economy conducted amid secrecy and corruption. Defenders of the arms traffic point to its contribution to British jobs and exports. Pilger's argument is much more about morality, of arming odious regimes, such as Saddam's Iraq and Amin's Uganda, and diverting huge sums of money from housing, health and education.

Picture This: Raising Lazarus
BBC2, 8.00pm

Receiving her BA degree at the age of 55, Christine Wilkinson has more cause than most to be jubilant. "I've joined the human race," she declares, "nobody can say I'm shit any more." From her moment of academic triumph at the University of North London Christine bravely retraces her squalid and appalling life. She was illegitimate, hated by her stepfather, despised by her mother, expelled from school, had three children by different men, spent time in borstal and prison and ended up sleeping rough on the streets of London. The relentless downward spiral was finally arrested by a sympathetic nun, who gave her love and shelter. It is quite a tale. Christine tells it honestly and without a trace of self-pity.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The latest subject for this show's mock obituary slot is Barbara Windsor. Were this a real obituary it would inevitably go strong on the *Carry On* films, the gangster connections and the magnificent breasts. The programme does not ignore any of these things, though Windsor points out that she was only in nine *Carry Ons* and insists that the bust was not as spectacular as it often appeared. Others usefully locate her as a seaside postcard figure, a comic antidote to Monroe, Bardot and other busty blondes of the 1950s and 1960s. There is regret that she has not been more stretched as an actress. Perhaps *EastEnders* will do the trick. *Without Walls* also recalls the sadistic life of a remarkable diarist, Arthur Crewe Inman.

How to Win the Lottery
BBC1, 9.30pm

With the National Lottery soon to reveal its first millionaire, Jonathan Ross hosts a playful look at lotteries elsewhere. Heading the list of unlikely winners is Sister Josephine Contris who, amid cries of "Go, Josie, go!", scooped $1 million on a TV show in California. Declaring it was a miracle from God, she gave the money to her Franciscan order. She probably did right. In the state of Virginia the winning cheque is accompanied by a counselling video on coping with the trauma. As soon as a Florida woman's big win became public, the rest of her family sued her for the money. The programme also features psychics who claim that the key to success lies in the messages given off by star signs and dreams. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3311863)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Dale Winton hosts the shopping quiz (s) (4430554) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6362486)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (9904202)

10.35 This Morning (73815115) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7547196)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3003509)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (6958270) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (20236757)

1.55 Vanessa. Vanessa Feltz tackles another issue that women hold dear (52331979)

2.25 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama set in the outback (s) (23248979) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Hospital drama (7368202)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6648221) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6647592)

3.30 Gigglish Allsorts (s) (4364405) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3353028) **3.50 The Raggy Dolls** (s) (4368221) **4.05 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (3886399) **4.15 Hurricanes** (s) (7614221) **4.40 Children's Ward** (Teletext) (s) (1840252)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2173486)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (501196)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (958196)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (937)

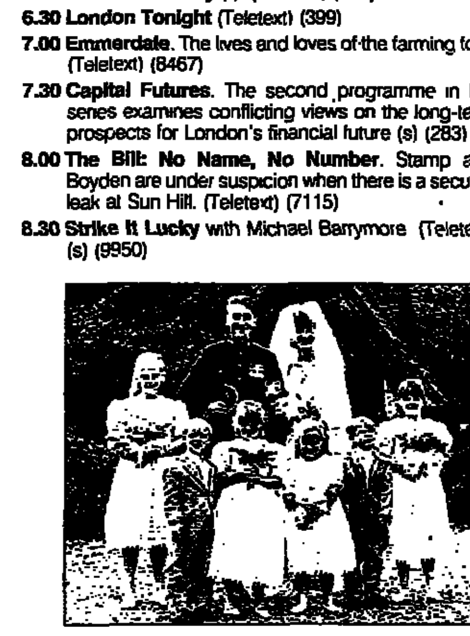
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (399)

7.00 Emmerdale. The lives and loves of the farming folk. (Teletext) (8467)

7.30 Capital Futures. The second programme in the series examines conflicting views on the long-term prospects for London's financial future (s) (283)

8.00 The Bill: No Name, No Number. Stamp and Boyden are under suspicion when there is a security leak at Sun Hill. (Teletext) (7115)

8.30 Strike It Lucky with Michael Barrymore (Teletext) (s) (9950)



Dorian Healy and Lesley Vickerage (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Band of Gold. Wedding bells ring out for Major Kieran Voce, and Captain Kate Butler; and Farrell tries once more to persuade Colette to marry him (Teletext) (s) (4115)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (98757)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (362399)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: The War Machine. Flying the Flag — Arming the World** (Teletext) (257283)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (497134)

12.40am Street Legal (3417697)

1.40 FILM: Door to Door (1984) starring Ron Leibman and Arliss Howard. Amiable comedy in which a top vacuum-cleaner salesman teaches his protégé the tricks of the trade. Directed by Patrick Bailey (652072)

3.30 Sport AM with Bob Symes (94239)

4.30 Beyond Reality. Tales of the paranormal (r) (21413)

5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (88210)

5.30 ITN Morning News (67622). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons Vintage cartoons (4118912)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (61844)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (19844)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (9965370) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (9960825) **10.00** Fourways Farm (5304738) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (7528592) **10.25** How We Used to Live (8283554) **10.48** Mathsbook (1641825) **11.00** Science in Focus (6326315) **11.22** Stage One (9658912) **11.38** Schools at Work (5947047) **11.45** First Edition (s) (3528641)

12.00 Profiles of Nature: Animals and Antlers (r). Followed by **Stars and Stripes** (99080)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series. The guests are Los Lobos (95979) **1.30 Trumpton** followed by **Little Brrm** (55134)

2.00 FILM: The Life and Assassination of the Kingfish (1977) starring Edward Asner. A biopic of the 1930s American politician Huey Long, a lawyer who became Governor of Louisiana and a US senator before being assassinated in 1935. Directed by Stephen Collins (593776)

3.45 Migrations. An office girl loses her pen. Followed by **Shipbuilder.** A Finnish immigrant wants to build a ship to sail home (4341554)

4.00 Crawshaw Paints Acrylics. Alwyn Crawshaw paints a still life of flowers while June Crawshaw paints Alwyn painting the flowers. (Teletext) (912)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (196)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are people who have had their dreams fulfilled. (Teletext) (s) (2202573)

5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (971047)

6.00 Batman. (Teletext) (689)

6.30 Gamesmaster. Video games magazine (s) (641)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (419573)

7.50 Belfast Lessons (682221)

8.00 Ride On. Includes a test-drive of the River Rover hovercraft. (Teletext) (5757)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7592)



Barbara Windsor recalls her career (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: The Obituary Show – Barbara Windsor.** (Teletext) (s) (5592) **9.30 Without Walls: Tales From A Darkened Room – The Diary Of Arthur Crewe Inman.** (Teletext) (s) (43399)

10.00 FILM: Waterland (1992) starring Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack. Drama about a history teacher in America whose wife is undergoing a breakdown because of their childless marriage. Directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal. (Teletext) (536028)

11.45 South Central. Comedy series set in inner-city Los Angeles (359979)

12.15am White and the Love Unlimited Orchestra. Barry White recorded in Paris in 1987 (r) (464999)

1.15 World Tennis. Last in the series (9970535)

1.50 Extreme East. East European youth culture and music series (r) (2424055)

2.20 FILM: Eyes in the Night (1942, b/w) starring Edward Arnold. Drama about a blind detective investigating a murder. Directed by Fred Zinneman (1258784). Ends at **3.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55789115) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7368202) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2173486) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (643283) **7.30-8.00** Bodyworks (283) **12.45am** Homer (316061) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2837581) **3.20** The Chart Show (5560622) **4.10** Jobfinder (8527351) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (88210)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55789115) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7368202) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2173486) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (643283) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (283) **11.40** The ITV Panasonic Sports Personality of the Year Awards (497134) **12.40am** The Beat (5550328) **1.45-3.30** Door to Door (384603) **4.30** Jobfinder (1656264) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2308551)

GRANADA

As Scottish except: 12.55 Shortland Street (2958270) **1.25** Home and Away (87401134) **1.50** Vanessa (52392080) **2.20** Mum's the Word (23223660) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (7368202) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2173486) **6.25** Granada Tonight (312370) **6.50** The Stacshaws (182486) **7.00** ... **7.30-8.00** Yesterday's Emmerdale (8467) ... Heroes (283) **11.40** The ITV Panasonic Sports Personality of the Year Awards (4526411) **12.45am** Homer (316061) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2837581) **3.20** The Chart Show (5560622) **4.10** Jobfinder (8527351) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (88210)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.25 Travel Trails (23232931) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (5652218) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2173486) **5.55** Home and Away (904134) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (643283) **7.30-8.00** Farm Fair (283) **11.40** The ITV Panasonic Sports Personality of the Year Awards (4526411) **12.45am** Homer (316061) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2837581) **3.20** The Chart Show (5560622) **4.10** Jobfinder (8527351) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (88210)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News (7547196) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (6647592) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (6643283) **7.30-8.00** Heroes (283) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (362399)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (6362486) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7547196) **1.55** A Country Practice (55789115) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7368202) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6647592) **5.10** Home and Away (2173486) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (961660) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (937) **6.30-7.00** What's My Line? (399) **7.30-8.00** Great House Cookery (283) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (362399) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (88210)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (6362486) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (7556644) **12.25-12.30** My Story (7555115) **2.25** The Young Doctors (23222931) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6647592) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2173486) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (33612) **7.30-8.00** Air Ambulance (283) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (362399) **12.45am** Homer (316061) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (2837581) **3.20** The Chart Show (5560622) **4.10** Jobfinder (8527351) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (88210)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (6362486) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (7547196) **1.55** A Country Practice (55789115) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North (6647592) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2173486) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (683776) **6.30-7.00** Runway (399) **7.30-8.00** The World in Our Gardens (283) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (362399) **11.40** Scrumdown - Kangaroos on Tour (497134) **12.40am** The ITV Panasonic Sports Personality of the Year Awards (3417697) **1.40** The Little Picture Show (9969429) **2.40** Sport AM (7394005) **3.35** Disaster Chronicles (26587790) **4.00-5.30** Jobfinder (79974)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (61844) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (19844) **9.30** Ysgolion (670467) **12.00pm** House To House (99080) **12.30** Slot Meithrin: Mistar Morgan (56863) **1.00** Hullabaloo (64931) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (55134) **2.00** The Late Late Show (12080) **3.00** Simply The Best (4028) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey Show (8504467) **4.20** Magoo Saves The Bank (3898134) **4.30** Happy Days (196) **5.00** 5 Pump (9573) **5.30** Fifteen To One (776) **6.00** Newyddion (317825) **6.20** Heno (686134) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6009) **7.30** Gwyn A'i Fyd (825) **8.00** Pentiwydd Hapus (5757) **8.30** Newyddion (7592) **9.00** Shakespeare. Y Dramau Wedi'u (5592) **9.30** Beat That Einstein (43399) **10.00** Brookside (98739) **10.30** Dim Tafod (57931) **11.30** Atlantic City (87931)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (24115) **8.00** Power Rangers (8148573) **8.45** Cartoons (6560298) **9.30** Card Sharks (70467) **10.00** Concentration (8718047) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9552641) **10.30** Candid Camera (59486) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (67383) **12.00** Urban Peasant (40738) **12.30pm** E Street (74283) **1.00** Falcon Crest (79738) **2.00** Sins (63738) **3.00** Trials of Rosie O'Neill (8726047) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (1468318) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7370) **6.00** Gamesworld (3283) **6.30** Spellbound (7863) **7.00** E Street (5399) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3047) **8.00** Manhunter (30863) **9.00** Due South (27399) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (20486) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (652009) **11.45** WIOU (568825) **12.45am** Barney Miller (55413) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (52326)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (5379405) **9.30** Fashion TV (16047) **10.30** ABC Nightline (57028) **1.30pm** CBS News (87047) **2.30** Those Were the Days (93270) **3.30** Talking with Sir David Frost (5641) **6.00** Richard Littlejohn (37776) **9.30** Target (47486) **11.30** CBS News (50554) **12.30am** ABC News (9967974) **1.10** Littlejohn (7671158) **2.30** Those Were the Days (77603) **3.30** Talking with Sir David Frost (89448) **4.30** CBS News (59158) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (98516)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am **Showcase** (7427405) **10.00 Straight Talk** (1992) (85399) **12.00 Across the Great Divide** (1977) (60641) **2.00pm The Blue Bird** (1976) (11738) **4.00 What Did You Do in the War, Daddy?** (1966) (58668973) **5.55 Straight Talk** (1992) As 10am (56660689) **7.30 Close-Up: Alive** (8115) **8.00 Little Devils: The Birth** (1993) (36047) **10.00 Maniac Cop** (1988) (22028) **11.30 Honour Thy Father and Mother: The Menendez Killings** (1994) (916660) **1.10am Romper Stomper** (1993) (8408806) **2.40 Cameron's Closet** (1988) (9717784) **4.05-6.00 Three for One** (1990): Erotic drama (866719)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm It Started with Eve (1941) (19319) **8.00 Pillow Talk** (1959) (14863) **10.00-12.00 Peeping Tom** (1960) (80318)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Desk Set (1957) (17825) **8.00 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde** Animation (36370) **9.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears** Cartoon (19554) **10.00 The Scarlet Blade** (1963) (78641) **12.00 Sweet Smell of Success** (1957) (68283) **2.00pm Sister Act** (1992) (68680) **4.00 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde** As 8am (73080) **6.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears** As 3am (4680) **6.00 On the Buses** (1971) (22844) **8.00 Sister Act** (1992). As 2pm (34689) **10.00 Mortal Thoughts** (1991) (189134) **11.45 Stone Cold** (1991) (259912) **1.20am The Owl** (1991) (2945993) **2.45 Roadie** (1980) (830993) **4.30-6.00 On the Buses** (1971) As 6pm (72055)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer (8783009) **7.15** WWF Mania (141047) **8.15** Soccer (9543221) **8.30** World of Speed and Beauty (62047) **9.00** Windsurfing Tour (53399) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (89202) **10.00** FA Cup First Round Match (76738) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (68863) **12.30pm** Fishing the West (90318) **1.00** ATP Tennis (9062405) **5.00** WWF Superstars (6738) **6.00** Soccer (784450) **6.15** Sports Classics (734955) **6.30** Rugby (9863) **7.00** Under-21 Football: England v Republic of Ireland (109450) **10.00** Soccer (547405) **10.15** ATP Tennis (563825) **12.15-12.45am** Rugby (746719)

EUROSPORT

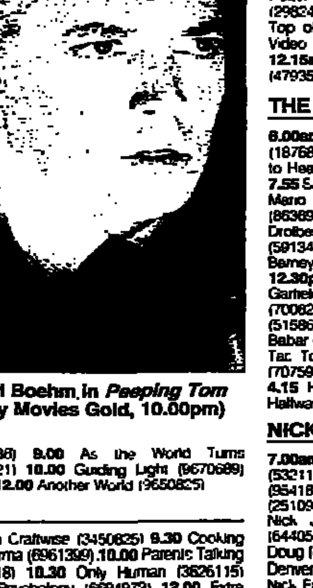
7.30am Step Aerobics (57689) **8.00** Eurogolf Magazine (89486) **9.00** Figure Skating (27950) **11.00** Eurogoals (26950) **12.30pm** Samba Football (88641) **2.30** Speedworld (49564) **3.30** Nascar (50405) **4.30** Football (9486) **5.00** Eurogoals (98134) **6.30** News (4931) **7.00** Eurotennis (83979) **8.00** Athletics (69399) **9.00** Boxing (72863) **10.00** Snooker (75950) **11.00** Snooker (47202) **12.00-12.30am** News (37429)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Destinations (8242202) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3491738) **1.00** Golf in Paradise (9654641) **1.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking (3490009) ***2.00** American Adventurer (2302457) **2.30** Ischia (5775863) **3.00** Destinations (2314202) **3.30** Mansion (5747080) **4.00** Golf in Paradise (5766115) **4.30** Kids Down Under (5762389) **5.00** Ischia (2326047) **5.30** Cooking In France (5786979) **6.00** Getaway (3409757) **7.00** American Adventurer (2308283) **7.30** Around the World (5763026) **8.00** Travel Guide (8912329) **9.00** Getaway (8017973) **10.00** Ticket to Paradise (8243931) **10.30** Roads to Freedom (8269979) **11.00** Cooking in France (7243738) **11.30-12.00** Mansion (5228399)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (8249115) **8.30** Peyton Place (8248488) **9.00** As the World Turns (9449221) **10.00** Guiding Light (9670689) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9650825)



Carl Boehm in *Peeping Tom* (Sky Movies Gold, 10.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Craftwise (3450825) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (6961399) **10.00** Parents: Talking (2771318) **10.30** Only Human (3626115) **11.30** Psychology (6694979) **12.00** Extra Dimensions (4235405) **12.45pm** Draw with Don (86539221) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (1137009) **1.30** Craftwise (8964486) **2.00** Decisions, Decisions (1849318) **2.30** Are Mothers Really Necessary? (2587950) **3.00** World of Herbs (1828825) **3.30-4.00** Furniture to Go (2666467)

UK GOLD

7.00am Sullivans (9828080) **7.30** Neighbours (9847115) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9480347) **8.30** EastEnders (8802848) **9.00** The Bill (4846280) **9.30** The Chinese Detective (9093370) **10.30** Big Deal (48776825) **11.35** The Sullivans (19533115) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (6240824) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7628844) **1.00** EastEnders (9867979) **1.30** The Bill (7627115) **2.00** Potter (8708283) **2.30** Reginald Perrin (7693478) **3.00** Knots Landing (3715844) **4.00** Dynasty (3734979) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2213405) **5.35** Top of the Pops (3150689) **5.55** Terry and June (2587370) **6.30** EastEnders (2548329) **7.00** Reginald Perrin (8719398) **7.30** George and Mildred (1676903) **8.00** The River (8728047) **8.30** Potter (8707554) **9.00** The Sweeney (2982405) **10.00** The Bill (5890383) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9107202) **11.15** Naked Video (5878283) **11.55** Dr Who (8350370) **12.15am** Triangle (8587719) **12.45** Campion (4793516) **1.45-3.00** Shopping (52548871)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Rattkan III (9660509) **6.15** Bobobobs (187689) **6.45** Casper (179660) **7.15** Head to Head (9318860) **7.25** Garfield (4273196) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (8183252) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7814009) **8.40** Tilou (8636979) **8.50** Cococinel (8625863) **9.00** Its Droibee Time (95912) **10.00** Portland Bill (59134) **11.00** Fatty Cats (82776) **11.30** Barney (83405) **12.00** Rattkan III (82825) **12.30pm** Head to Head (39835592) **12.40** Garfield (1097757) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (70082047) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (51586844) **1.50** Tilou (51582028) **2.00** Babar (6689) **2.30** Binky Bill (7660) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2405047) **3.15** Bobbys World (7075921) **3.45** The Bots Master (706863) **4.15** Head to Head (2056912) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (4196)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (8714979) **7.15** Grimmy (532115) **7.45** Rugrats (531486) **8.15** Rocko (9541863) **8.30** Real Ghostbusters (2510979) **8.45** Nickalive! (2508134) **9.00** Nick Jr (635689) **12.00** Muppet Show (64405) **12.30pm** Rugrats (81660) **1.00** Doug (40399) **1.30** Chipmunks (80931) **2.00** Denver (7221) **2.30** Smoggies (2196) **3.00** Nick Faves (3028) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (7641) **4.00** Turtles Gold (6776) **4.30** Rugrats (5660) **5.00** Clarissa (8573) **5.30** Doug (6912) **6.00** Rocko (7856) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (7405)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature Watch (9293252) **4.30** Waterways (3893216) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8720405) **5.30** The New Explorers (5893486) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7634405) **7.00** Pacifica (8700641) **7.30** Terra X (2443775) **8.00** Connections 2 (8726683) **8.30** From the Horse's Mouth (8705196) **9.00** Wings of the Red Star (2960047) **10.00** Discovery Journal (2363134) **11.00-12.00** The Astronomers (9835370)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Offbeat (1961), with Mai Zetterling (2928863) **1.30pm** The Donny and Marie Show (7612283) **2.00** thirtysomething (6651757) **3.00** My Three Sons (8712486) **3.30** Beverly Hillbillies (4348301) **4.00** FILM: Pacific Destiny (1956) (8716202) **6.00** The Green Hornet (8948365) **6.30** The Time Tunnel (3327221) **7.30** Honey West (4548509) **8.00** thirtysomething (2964009) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3718931) **9.30** FILM: Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976) (4470221) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (1901450)

UK LIVING

6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (5868863) **8.00** Go for It (3455370) **8.30** The Truth about Women (3454641) **9.00** The Reluctant Cook (1916738) **9.35** Definition (3984221) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2766486) **10.30** Susan Powter (3474405) **11.00** The Young and The Restless (1151689) **12.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (1600134) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1887931) **1.30** Gardenwise (6959554) **2.00** Agony Hour (2767115) **3.00** Magazine (3409660) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (24927738) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2863370) **4.30** Definition (49214641) **4.55** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (6919738) **5.30** Kate and Allie (2683134) **6.00** Maternal World (2680047) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2671399) **7.00** Living Magazine (1656844) **8.00** The Young and The Restless (1665592) **9.00** FILM: Double Standards: A married judge fathers a child with his secretary (96504573) **10.55** Short Shorts (4415196) **11.00** Susan Powter (6670399) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (2755370)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Tintin (3711) **5.30** Boogies Diner (8776) **6.00** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5689) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (9841) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (3955) **7.30** The Mighty Jungle (5825) **8.00** The Darling Buds of May (16221) **9.00** Moonlighting (70347) **10.00** Catchphrase (83554) **10.30** GP (92202) **11.00** Lou Grant (50863) **12.00** Rhoda (95413) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (86413) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (91351) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (39055) **2.00** Moonlighting (99177) **3.00** Lou Grant (36326) **4.00** Rhoda (32245) **4.30-5.00** The Mighty Jungle (89516)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (23332) **6.30** The Grind (15202) **7.00** European Music Awards (43573) **7.30** Awake on the Wildside (22080) **8.00** VJ Ingo (948405) **10.30** MTV 1994 European Music Awards Spotlight (93931) **11.00** The Soul (48028) **12.00** Greatest Hits (20573) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (27047) **3.00** European Music Awards (7554) **3.30** The Report (1844919) **3.45** Cinematic (6647404) **4.00** News (2075047) **4.15** Three from One (2058370) **4.30** Dial (6554) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (30134) **6.30** Sports (8399) **7.00** Greatest Hits (2863) **7.30** European Music Awards (7283) **8.00** Most Wanted (51080) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (21202) **10.00** The Report (349950) **10.15** Cinematic (344405) **10.30** News (195689) **10.45** Three from One (183644) **11.00** The End? (40115) **1.00am** Soul (84018) **2.00** The Grind (43351) **2.30-5.00** Night Videos (673239)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9653912) **9.00** Café (1499047) **12.00** The Bridge (r) (6151863) **1.30** Ten of the Best (3764844) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8562283) **3.30** Into the Music (8998115) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3401115) **7.00** For You (2417739) **8.00** Rock (6112347) **9.00** Ten of the Best (6217991) **10.00** The Bridge (9429467) **11.30** Today's Top 5 (5220757) **12.00** The Nightfly (2447500) **2.00** Prime Cuts (2820662) **3.00** Rock (8999526) **4.00** Ten of the Best (1568968) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (77028) **7.00** Asian Morning (94903) **8.30** Bunyaad (49973) **9.00** FILM (273863) **12.00** Serial (19979) **12.30pm** New Serial (36134) **1.00** Hindi FILM (160825) **4.00** Kiddie Time (2738) **4.30** TVA and You (23554) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (5202) **7.00** New Serial (5009) **7.30** India Show (3689) **8.00** News (4757) **8.30** Des Pardes (6592) **9.00** Bollywood Plus (26554) **9.30** Pakistani FILM (145196) **12.00** Asian Morning (437413) **1.35-6.00am** Sight and Sound (81405622)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

Theme. Exposes

7.00pm Slander (1956) (38324931) **8.35 Blackwell's Island** (1939) (83411950) **10.00 Hot Summer Night** (1957) (37985639) **11.40 Off the Record** (1939) (52101776) **1.00am Dance, Fools, Dance** (1931) (17730018) **2.30 One Fatal Hour** (1936) (99595061) **3.35-5.00 Nancy Drew — Reporter** (1939) (58948326)

CNN/CMT/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news coverage, CMT has country music from 6am to 7pm and QVC is the home shopping channel

Essex and Lancashire deny claim of match-fixing


Fairbrother: defended action

BY SIMON WILDE

ESSEX and Lancashire county cricket clubs yesterday moved no less swiftly to deny allegations of corruption than did Bruce Grobbelaar last week and certainly with a greater recollection of their affairs than certain patrons of the Paris Ritz. The clubs have pledged themselves to investigate the allegations of match-fixing made in the *Sunday Mirror* and that is what they spent the day doing.

The testimony of all the players involved in the county championship match at Old Trafford in August 1991, and the Sunday league fixture accompanying it, was sought, and proved more difficult in some cases than others.

Several of the Essex players, for instance, are in remote spots. John Stephenson is coaching in Argentina and Derek Pringle, who led the team in the Sunday league match, is on holiday in the Sahara, from where he will shortly join up with another member of the team, Mike Garnham, who is leading a party of tourists across Africa. "If Derek passes a phone box, I would be very grateful if he could give me a call," Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary, said yesterday.

Neil Foster, who is accused by Don Topley, another Essex player, of being at the centre of a plan to lose the Sunday league match in exchange for a generous run-chase in the championship game, was, however, available for comment. Foster, acting Essex captain in the championship match in question, issued a detailed rebuttal of the allegation of match-fixing.

"I strongly deny any such action," he said. "During my career I was always aware of the traditions of cricket and any such thoughts would have been completely contrary to my feelings for the game.

"I do not hold memories of all the games in my mind but upon looking up the [championship] match details I remember some aspects of it quite clearly. I notice that I took a career-best eight for 99, which should have etched the match in my mind.

"It also reminds me that the pitch had a little in it for the seamers but was also showing signs of wear, which could be used by the spin bowlers.

"These factors, plus the fact that Essex were without Graham Gooch and Paul Prichard and that Salim Malik was injured in the first innings meant that a declaration leaving us to score 270 runs in 58 overs [actually 67 overs] was not overly-generous.

"Nick Knight, who scored a century, I remember received a blow on the head and had Salim Malik been dismissed early, Lancashire could have won."

Lancashire tracked down Neil Fairbrother, who captained the side against Essex, in Port Elizabeth, where he was playing for Transvaal. Fairbrother issued a detailed communiqué of his own, apparently without recourse to *Wisden*. He defended his "generous" declaration.

"This particular match was interrupted by rain," he said. "The only way I could achieve a win was by declaration and to set Essex a target giving ourselves the maximum time to bowl them out.

"I actually recall the fact that I felt we could win because their side did not include either Gooch or Prichard and Salim Malik had retired hurt in the first innings. There was no doubt in anyone's that we could win if we could pick up a few early wickets."

Essex won by eight wickets with three balls to spare and went on to win the championship. Lancashire won the Sunday league match but missed out on the league title.

Foster and Essex are looking into the possibilities of legal action. Despite the absence of witnesses, the club plans to issue details of its investigation tomorrow.

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Hanley restores Edwards to leading role

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SHAUN Edwards, the Wigan scrum half, was yesterday restored to the Great Britain captaincy for the deciding John Smith's rugby league international against Australia, which will be played at Elland Road, Leeds, on Saturday.

Under the gaze of the spotlight yesterday, Edwards, so nearly the forgotten man of the series, maintained his poker-faced expression. Pleased at being back, there was a job to be done. "It's the biggest pressure match I will ever have played in," he said. "It is a decider for the Ashes, which is the pinnacle in rugby league. Every player will be feeling it." Edwards more than most.

After his shamefaced walk from the pitch after being sent off at Wembley and another lonesome stroll to his seat at Old Trafford two weeks later, it might have looked as if he had settled for the role of bystander. There are, however, few more fierce natural competitors, and this trait was among the more generous explanations for his reckless act in the first international.

With the unhappy distinction of being the first British captain to be sent off, a three-match ban was probably the least Edwards could have expected. He has served his punishment now, but is back because Bobby Goulding failed to pick up at Old Trafford where he left off so outstandingly at Wembley in assuming Edwards's role at scrum half.

The intentions of Edwards towards Bradley Clyde, the Australia second-row forward, have been the subject of incessant analysis. There are those who would have punished him much more severely for his stiff-arm tackle. The stigma of his dismissal has not left him, nor will it, but there is no reason not to believe his insistence that the tackle was both unintentional and a reflex action.

Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain coach, like Edwards, had nothing more to add on the subject. "The game has gone at Wembley," Hanley said. "It's gone at Old Trafford. Elland Road is all that counts. History doesn't matter."

Hanley's recall of Edwards was the least surprising choice in a 21-strong squad high on predictability and low on apparent risk. The only new face is Sonny Nickle, and hardly a fresh one at that. The St Helens forward was in the original squad for the series before a suspension. So where is the gamble Hanley must, surely, now take?

The most hazardous wild card would be to play himself, a consideration that went through Hanley's mind, and might do so again before the final selection on Thursday. "I did give some thought to the subject," he conceded. "But I decided against it because I still think that we have enough quality players available."

His squad amounts to a show of faith and crossing of fingers that there will be no repeat of the defensive collapse in the 38-8 defeat at Old Trafford. "There were areas we didn't look good and need to improve on drastically," he said. "We let ourselves down. Players didn't play to their full potential. I'm quite sure they can't play as badly as that again. We are all professional players who have been beaten before and we know just exactly what we have to do to beat Australia." There were enough "adequate" players around, yet not sufficient, it seems, for the coach to consider wholesale change.

With Jonathan Davies and Paul Newlove, whose respective shoulder injuries are being given a recovery time limit of 48 hours, uncertain starters and Kelvin Skerrett also doubtful because of a thumb injury, more drastic change could yet be imposed on Hanley.

Davies, more encouragingly, underwent his first contact work following the injury at Wembley in training yesterday at Headingley. "Structurally the shoulder should be sound after a month. There is only a little bit of pain now, and if it doesn't get any worse I hope it will be fine," he said.

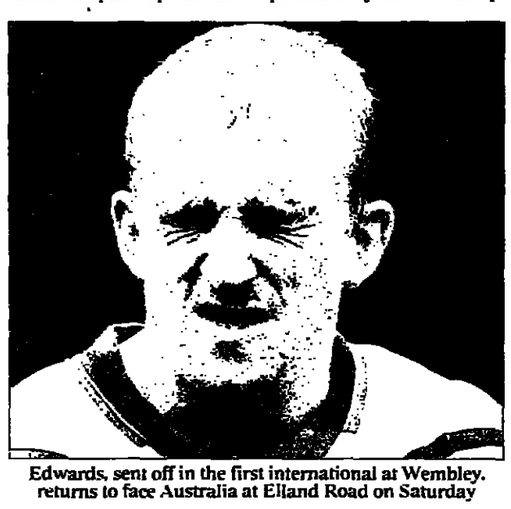
Although adamant that no injuries will be carried into the game, it would be a risk of Hanley to fail to include Davies provided he is feeling confident. With Goulding not starting, Davies is the one recognised goalkicker left in the squad, with due respect to Andrew Farrell.

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SQUAD

BACKS: G Connolly (Wigan), J Davies (Warrington), S Edwards (Wigan, captain), B Goulding (St Helens), A Hunte (St Helens), P Newlove (Bradford), M Offiah (Wigan), D Powell (Sheffield), J Robinson (Wigan), G Schofield (Leeds), G Steadman (Castleford)

FORWARDS: D Betts (Wigan), M Cassidy (Wigan), P Clarke (Wigan), A Farrell (Wigan), K Harrison (Halifax), L Jackson (Sheffield), C Joynt (St Helens), B McDermott (Wigan), S Nickle (St Helens), K Skerrett (Wigan)


Edwards, sent off in the first international at Wembley, returns to face Australia at Elland Road on Saturday

Mentor to javelin throwers named coach of year


John Trower, who advises the European and Commonwealth javelin champion, Steve Backley, was named coach of the year yesterday. A council leisure manager from Newport, Shropshire, he also coaches Britain's No 2 javelin thrower, Mick Hill. Photograph: Robin Mayes.

Wilkins ready to move up

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RAY Wilkins is about to become the latest to join football's managerial merry-go-round, but with whom remains open to question after Aston Villa and Queen's Park Rangers spent yesterday struggling to secure his services. Both clubs gave been given permission to talk to the 38-year-old Crystal Palace player, but Rangers appear to have the edge, having already spoken to Wilkins yesterday.

"I heard of Villa's interest only last night," Wilkins said. "I've had a discussion with Queens Park Rangers, but that's as far as it's gone. It's now at chairman level." Palace want compensation for losing Wilkins, a former England international, who is registered with them as a player.

Villa dismissed Ron Atkinson as their manager last week, while Queens Park Rangers lost the services of Gerry Francis, who resigned at Loftus Road after a dispute with the club's directors.

Wilkins is a former Queens Park Rangers player, leaving Loftus Road only last season, and has also served spells at Chelsea, Manchester United, AC Milan, Paris Saint-Germain and Rangers in Scotland. However, He is not the only favoured candidate at Villa Park, with Graeme Souness, formerly of Rangers and Liverpool, also on the shortlist.

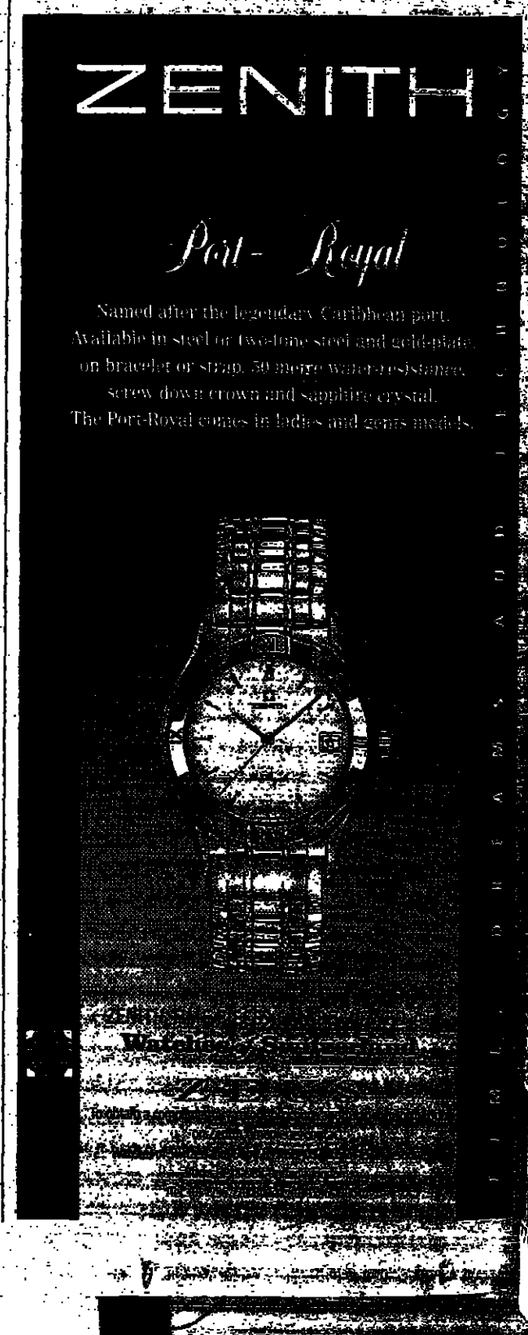
The precarious nature of the job, however, was reinforced last night when Bristol City, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division club, anounced the dismissal of Russell Osman as their manager.

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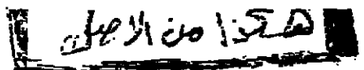
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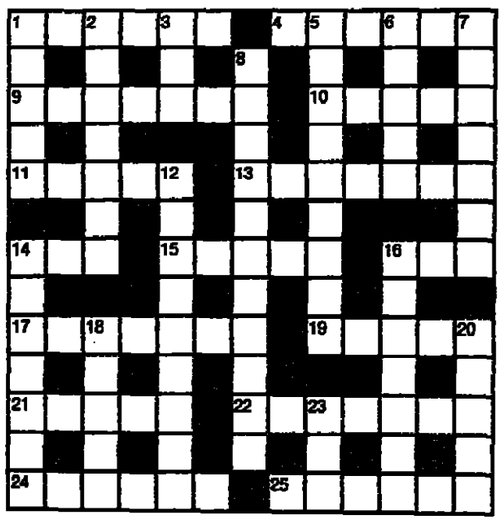
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1 Sturdy (6)
4 Casually acquire (4,2); small truck (4-2)
9 Queue (7)
10 Jumped (5)
11 Hanker (5)
13 Skimpy protection of modesty (3-4)
14 Spelling competition (5)
15 For a particular purpose (2,3)
16 Old measure, about 45in. (3)
17 Rope-winding gear (7)
19 Professional stand-in (5)
21 Royal dog (5)
22 Had benefit of; experienced (7)
24 Capacity for (hard) work (6)
25 Occult; seeker of divine union (6)

DOWN
1 Answer (5)
2 Large animals, hunted (3,4)
3 Expanse of open water (3)
5 Unreasonable (9)
6 Jack; rogue (5)
7 Pathetic (7)
8 Episode ending in suspense (5-6)
12 Close shave (4,5)
14 Pedalled vehicle (7)
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18 Money-carrier (5)
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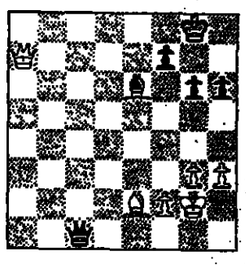
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DOWN: 2 Relapse 3 Motet 4 Stuffed shirt 5 Boredom 6 Lunar 7 Feel the pinch 13 Ungodly 15 Unicorn 17 Hoard 19 On top

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Van Wely - Sokolov, Germany 1994. This position appears completely drawn, but Black found a clever way to maintain winning chances. What did he play?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AMPELOPSIS
a. A pseud vine
b. A rhetorical pause
c. Blurred vision

EUSTASY
a. Happiness
b. A rock plant
c. Change of sea-level

GARBANZO
a. Boasting
b. Musical direction "with emphasis"
c. The chick-pea

CAPPA
a. Black coffee
b. A cloak
c. The Corsican Mafia

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